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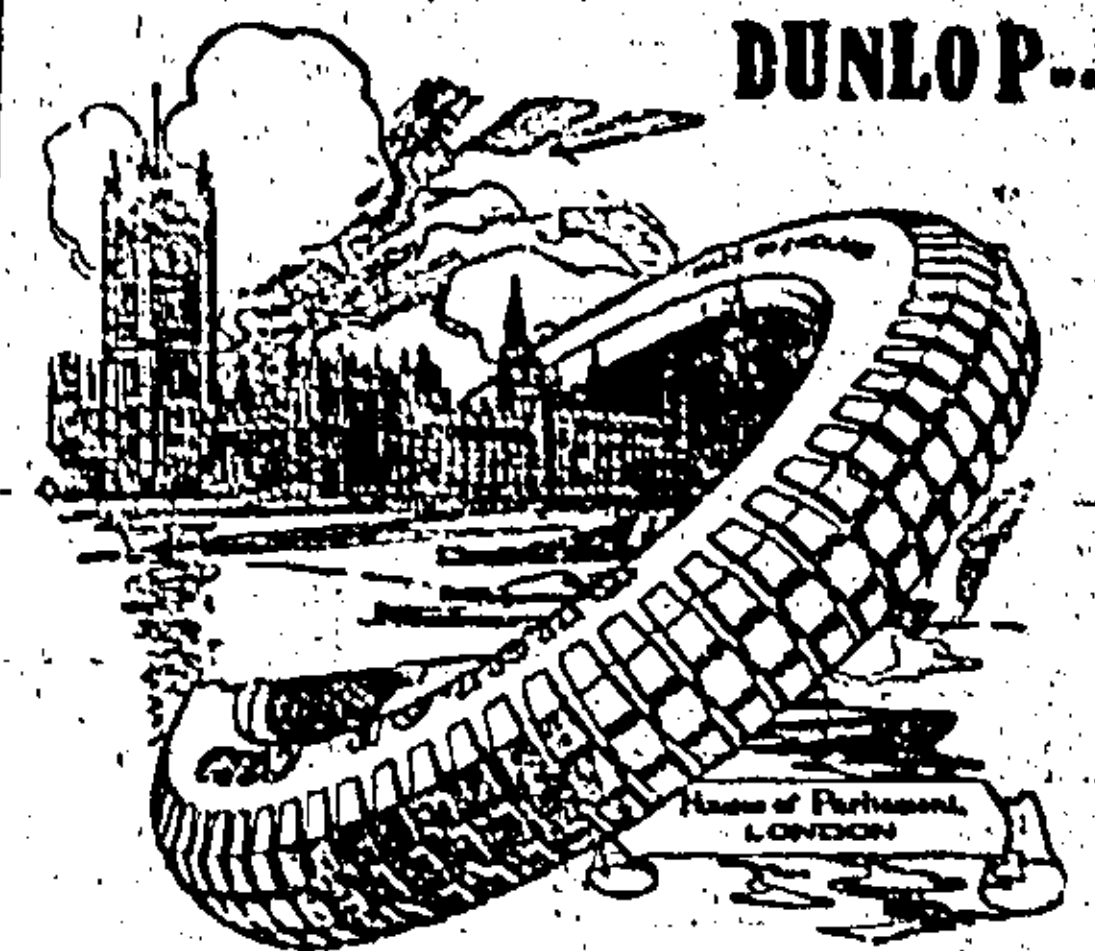
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MURDER OF BISHOP VERSIGLIA.

BLACK CRIME BY GANG OF BANDITS.

THE FULL STORY OF TERRIBLE OUTRAGE.

UNEXAMPLED FEROCITY.

One of the blackest of the crimes listed to bandits in the apparently unending series of outrages against peaceful missionaries in China, is revealed by the full story of the tragic deaths of the Salesian Bishop, Mgr. Versiglia, and his secretary, Father Carvario, in the region of Shiukwan, which has been made available to the *Telegraph* this morning.

Many shocking aspects of the murders indicate that the brigands were guilty of almost unexampled ferocity and cruelty. The Bishop and Father Carvario were subjected to terrible torture before they were shot.

The *Telegraph's* information corrects previous reports of the shocking affair, inasmuch as the three Chinese sisters, originally thought to have shared the fate of the priests, have reached safety, with a terrible tale to tell of a harrowing experience.

MYSTERY OF DOUBLE GRAVES.

It was on February 24th that Monsignor Versiglia, Salesian Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Shiukwan, on the Northern River, set out on his annual pastoral visit which was to have taken him by a circuitous route through the eleven districts contained within his ecclesiastical jurisdiction. He was accompanied by his Secretary, Fr. Carvario, a Chinese Sister, two lay teachers, both Chinese women, and two Chinese lads.

The party arrived at Lin Kung Hau, on the first leg of their journey, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and stayed there overnight. Early the next morning, they set downstream in a boat with the intention of proceeding to Lin Chau, their number being now increased to nine, with the addition of two pupils who had joined the party at Lin Kung Hau.

All went well until about noon, when the appearance of a number of armed men on the river-bank, followed by shots fired across their bows from rifles and machine guns, forced the boat to stop and turn towards the bank.

Party Questioned.

The twelve or fourteen men who were in the armed party immediately gathered around the boat, and subjected the missionaries to a number of searching questions, all more or less turning on the point that they had neglected to ask for permission before proceeding to Lin Chau.

By this, the missionaries were given to understand that that part of the country through which their route lay was under the "protection" of these armed men, and that those who desired a safe journey would have to solicit their "protection" accompanied by the necessary tribute.

Bishop Versiglia did his best to bring his interrogators to a reasonable frame of mind. They were men of religion, not of commerce, he said, and could not be expected to furnish the big sum which was demanded.

In vain did Bishop Versiglia attempt to reason with them. Their matter-of-fact and hitherto businesslike exterior suddenly underwent a remarkable change when for the first time they perceived who were accompanying the prelate. It was then impossible for the Chinese girls to escape further notice as they crouched back on their seats.

Successfully resisting an attempt to set fire to the boat, Bishop Versiglia and his secretary, at great risk to their lives, now faced the task of defending the girls. Blows were rained on them with the butt-ends of rifles and bamboo poles, until the Bishop was knocked senseless back into his seat and the Father also incapacitated.

One of the young women threw herself into the river, as a last resource of despair, but as the current swept her past the boat, one of the robbers caught her by the hair and hauled her back to the boat.

Captives Bound Together.

The captives were bound together, the Bishop to his Secretary, and the three Chinese women one to another. The two younger boys were made to carry the books and other appurtenances which it was usual for the missionaries to take along with them on their annual pilgrimage.

Tiring, the boys were later enjoined to "be on their way and not so much as look behind." It was these boys, who, proceeding without loss of time back to Lin Kung Hau, brought the first news of the party's plight to Father Canada of the Mission there.

The bandits, with their captives, proceeded on their way, through a region which at times was thickly covered with bamboo thickets. It was while the party was in one of these moods when the sense of uncertainty over their probable fate was quickened by sundry whisperings amongst those who were leading them, that the worst fears of the captives took definite shape.

Bishop and Secretary Shot.

Bishop Versiglia and his other companion were separated from the others, and while the remainder of the party proceeded on, dragged into a clearing.

Some five minutes later, the reports of two shots rang through the woods. The Sisters halted and instinctively dropped on to their knees, praying for the repose of the souls of the Bishop and the Father.

Searchers Found.

When the two boys who were released arrived back at Lin Kung Hau, they reported the capture of the party to the Salesian Mission there. Father Canada had not then known the worst; but not without considerable misgiving did he convey a petition to the local mandarin soliciting his urgent assistance for the succour of those still thought to be alive.

A detachment of soldiers was sent out with the Father and they trailed the path taken by the bandits through the woods, from the point where a heap of ashes, with the charred remains of a brazier and of a pair of spectacles indicated the ruthless destruction of the captives' property.

The scene may now be transferred to a building of some pretensions situated in the back-woods which marked the end of the journey for the Chinese Sister and lay women, who had set out with the ill-fated prelate on his tour.

Bandit Chief's Anger.

Here, amidst luxurious surroundings, we are told, the leader (Continued on Page 7.)

THE CONFERENCE EASIER.

PREMIER "GREATLY ENCOURAGED."

INTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH ALL CHIEFS.

M. TARDIEU ARRIVING.

London, Mar. 13.

Determined efforts have been made to-day to overcome the difficulties which had brought the Naval Conference to an apparent impasse. These efforts have been mainly in the course of private conversations which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has had at No. 10, Downing Street, with each of the other chief delegates in turn.

He saw Mr. Wakatsuki this morning and Mr. H. L. Stimson tonight, but particular interest attaches to the conversations he had this afternoon, first with Signor Grandi, and afterwards with M. Briand, who remained nearly two hours.

The effect of these conversations is authoritatively described as encouraging.

Difficulties still exist, and are considerable, but the deadlock is by no means complete.

In addition to the private conversations already mentioned, Mr. Stimson and M. Briand had a long talk this morning, while M. Pietri, the French Colonial Minister, called on Signor Grandi.

Importance is attached to the impending arrival of the French Premier, M. Tardieu, who is expected in London to-morrow night or Saturday morning.

Franco-Italian Problem.

It is generally felt in Conference circles that the crux of the difficulties which are placing the major issues of the Conference in doubt lies in Franco-Italian relations.

Italy claims parity with France, and France, arguing that she possesses three seaboard, considers that claim unjustified.

The high French figures are, in a measure, a reflection of this state of mind, and in turn, may affect the naval requirements of Great Britain, with whom the United States desires parity. It is therefore, assumed that the purpose of to-day's conversations of the Prime Minister with Signor Grandi and Briand was to ease the situation so that a substantial scaling down of the French figures can be effected.

Conversations are likely to be continued to-morrow and after M. Tardieu's arrival, for it is felt that the Conference is to-night further removed from deadlock than it was this morning.

M. Briand Confident.

M. Briand who saw Press representatives this evening, said he was not going back to France at the end of the week. He was still confident the Conference could come to definite results in the general interests of peace.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald stated to-night that he was "greatly encouraged" by the conversations with the French and Italian chiefs, which aimed at effecting a Franco-Italian rapprochement and at reconciling M. Briand's demand that Italy submit a concrete percentage figure, with the Italian attitude insisting upon parity with France, without specifying her programme.

More Optimistic.

The atmosphere generally is slightly more optimistic.

Another British spokesman said that those conversant with international conferences did not share in the pessimism displayed by certain sections of the Press.

A French delegate told *Reuter* this afternoon that the political discussions had not ended, but those anticipating the funeral of the Conference were destined to be proved much mistaken. "Pessimism is stupid," he concluded.—*Reuter.*

French Cold Water.

Paris, Mar. 13.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Havas Agency, elucidating the present situation at the Naval Conference, says—

(1) Britain and the United States having refused to subscribe to a Security Pact, France is unable (Continued on Page 14.)

PETROL PRICE WAR IN THE EAST.

TRUCE BETWEEN SHELL AND SOCONY BROKEN.

NEW FIGHT STARTS.

New York, Mar. 13.

Another petrol price war between the world's leading companies is probable. The old argument over the supply of Russian oil has again brought the Standard Oil Company of New York and the Royal Dutch-Shell interests into conflict.

The trouble arose, it is reported, as a result of a new contract made by the Standard Oil Company for the purchase of a million tons of refined petroleum products from the Soviet Naptha Syndicate.

The new contract is said to cover a period of five years, and to involve a total of \$325,000,000. According to oil circles in New York, the truce which ended hostilities between the companies in 1928 has been definitely broken.

Both companies, through their subsidiaries, have already cut

THE COLONY'S NEW GOVERNOR.

Has Audience With H.M. the King.

DUE HERE IN MAY.

London, Mar. 13.

Sir William Peel, the new Governor of Hongkong, in succession to Sir Cecil Clementi, had an audience with His Majesty the King to-day, when he kissed hands on his appointment to the Governorship.—*Reuter.*

As has already been announced, Sir William Peel is due in Hongkong on May 7th next.

their price for refined oil products by a dollar a barrel in the East Indies.

It is taken for granted that the price-cutting will be extended to other markets, and the fight is expected to show its next development in India.—*Reuter's American Service.*

INDIA TARIFF BILL DEBATE.

MODERATE AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

New Delhi, Mar. 13.

The Legislative Assembly opened the debate on the Tariff Bill on an amendment introduced by Mr. Chetty, a non-Mohammedan, the effect of which is to protect Indian mill cloth against Lancashire in respect of plain grey-wools.

Sir George Schuster acknowledged the friendliness and moderation of the debate, but stressed the fact that all the Dominions had given Preference to British goods and the Government felt that their proposals offered a practical way out of the difficulty.

The debate was adjourned until Monday.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT'S LOAN ISSUE.

MR. SNOWDEN'S SUCCESSFUL CONVERSION.

London, Mar. 13.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the result of the 4½% Conversion Loan floated recently.

The total issued for cash was £60,800,000, while £32,000,000 had been issued in exchange for five and a half per cent. Treasury Bonds. He regarded this as most satisfactory.—*Reuter.*

RATE REDUCED.

New York, Mar. 13.

The Federal Reserve Bank has reduced the rediscount rate from 4 to 3½ per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DAIRY FARM'S FINE RECORD.

MILK YIELD EXCEEDS HOME AVERAGE.

COMPANY'S CATTLE FREE OF RINDERPEST.

FRESH ACTIVITIES.

Alarmist rumours regarding the health of the cattle of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., were again refuted by Mr. J. P. Warren, presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders this morning, when he assured the public that there was no rinderpest at the farm.

The improved health of the cattle, in fact, has caused an increase in the average milk yield per cow per annum from 533 gallons in 1922 to 819.7 gallons in 1929, which compares with a total average for the British Isles of about 643 gallons. This fact, in spite of increased costs of production and delivery, has enabled the retail price of this all-important commodity to remain unaltered.

Further interesting statements made by the Chairman were that the balance available for distribution is the second highest in the history of the Company; that the reduction in the price of ice to one cent per lb. has made it the cheapest in the world; that arrangements are to be made to meet the increased demand in Kowloon for dairy and other produce; and that a start has been made towards the establishment of egg-producing poultry, pure breeds having been imported from Canada for this purpose.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time and I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The gross profit for the year amounts to \$523,815.44, which, I think, you will admit is satisfactory in these times and reflects favourably upon the management and staff of the Company. It may interest you to know that our sales for the year again show an increase. The drop in exchange has affected profits to a certain extent, but as it has always been our policy to safeguard the food supply of the Colony by carrying adequate stocks of imported produce, we were able to postpone the revision of our price lists until the 1st of January.

I might here say that the cost of production and delivery of milk has gone up considerably as a result of the exchange position, about 75 per cent. of our cattle fodder being imported, whilst our bottles, etc., are now costing us more, but, owing to the very improved state of the herd and the resultant increased milk yield, to which I will refer later, we have been able to maintain the retail price of this all-important commodity.

Cheapest Ice in World.

During the year we reduced the price of ice to 1 cent per lb., as a direct result of which our sales show a substantial increase and I do not know of any other city in the world where ice is procurable at such a low cost.

Turning to the balance sheet, you will notice that the amounts written off for depreciation are higher than last year, as your Directors considered a larger percentage should be allowed in the case of the ice plant and machinery, taking a conservative view of the life of some at say about 10 years. After making allowance for bad and doubtful debts and paying a bonus to the staff of 15 per cent. of their salaries, which I feel sure you will endorse in consideration of the hard work done and loyal support given, the balance at the credit of Profit & Loss Account amounts to \$321,767.98, the second highest yet shown by the Company, to which must be added the sum of \$22,286.48, balance carried forward from last account, making a total for appropriation at this meeting of \$344,054.41.

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CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

ADVISER CRITICISES REVENUE DIVISION.

SAYS IT'S INEQUITABLE

Nanking, Mar. 8.

In a memorandum submitted to Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways, by Mr. John J. Mantell, Adviser to the Ministry, regarding the latter's inspection of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, the American railway expert calls attention to the alleged "unfair division that exists on through traffic as between the British and Chinese sections."

"On through traffic between Hongkong and Canton," Mr. Mantell continues, "the British section contributes 20 per cent. mileage and insists on receiving 35 per cent. of the revenue, although it only contributes 20 per cent. of the equipment. Unfair and inequitable agreements of this kind do not tend to promote close co-operation between Chinese and foreign interests and the question should be taken up with the British authorities with a view to obtaining an equitable and fair adjustment of revenue on through traffic."

"There are plenty of precedents for division of revenues based on mileage as between railroads, as well as between railway companies operating separate railways in two different countries handling through rates, such as Canada and the United States, which is on a mileage pro rata basis. It is believed this is a subject that should have early attention, as a greater part of the through revenue originates on the Chinese Section."

The American expert points out that, with the building of an automobile road between Hongkong and Canton, the railway will be faced with serious motor-bus competition and more frequent service, and equality of rates.

"Serious attention would, therefore have to be given," he suggests, "to the lowering of rates to meet motor-bus competition. Lowering of rates can only be successfully met by reorganization and reduction in overhead expenses, and increased length of trains which can be brought about by heavier and more economical locomotives."

NEW YORK CITY SCANDAL.

MAGISTRATE'S LOAN FROM MURDERED GAMBLER.

New York, Mar. 13.

One of the most sensational scandals in the New York public service has culminated in the Appeal Division of the State Supreme Court ordering the removal from the City Magistrate's Bench of Mr. A. H. Vitale, for borrowing \$20,000 from the notorious gambler and drug-ring "King," Arnold Rothstein.

Rothstein's murder, which took place a year ago, has not yet been cleared up by the New York Police.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW CUNARD LINER PROPOSED.

WILL BE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD.

London, Mar. 13.

The Cunard Line to-day officially stated they are in communication with certain shipbuilders regarding the building of a new steamer for their Atlantic express service. It is understood that they have sent out preliminary inquiries and specifications for the new liner, which, it is believed, will be the biggest ship afloat.

The largest vessel in the world at present is the White Star liner *Majestic*, of 56,551 tons.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICAN MAYOR ARRESTED.

SEQUEL TO INVESTIGATION ON VICE QUESTION.

New York, Mar. 13.

The Mayor of Atlantic City, Mr. Antony M. Ruffa, has been arrested on fourteen charges arising from a recent investigation of alleged conditions of vice prevailing there.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PHILIP SNOWDEN HITS BACK.

THE VOTE OF CENSURE DEFEATED.

BUDGET POLICY AT RIGHT TIME, NOT BEFORE!

TORIES GIVEN RIDDLE.

London, Mar. 13.

Doomed to defeat from the opening of the debate, a fact well recognised by the Conservative leader, the vote of censure moved by Mr. Stanley Baldwin in the House of Commons to-night commanded the support of the Tory Benches only. Mr. Philip Snowden, the object of the attack, undertook the Government's reply, and the tone encourages the belief that the McKenna Duties will not be removed on April 14.

The division on Mr. Baldwin's vote of censure resulted, as follows:

For the Government	308
Against	235
Government majority	73

Mr. Baldwin's Speech.

In moving the resolution, which deplored the depression in trade and the increase in unemployment, and expressed regret at the Government's refusal not only to extend the safeguarding duties, but to declare its intentions regarding the existing duties and the McKenna Duties, Mr. Baldwin urged that in view of the present economic condition of the country, the depressed industries needed tariff stimulus.

Saying he regarded the situation as one of extreme gravity, Mr. Baldwin declared: "I hope the Chancellor of the Exchequer will make it quite clear whether or not he intends, at any time, in combating the evils of unemployment, to have recourse either to any single duty or a general duty as a remedy for unemployment."

High Tariffs.

The whole tendency of the world was towards high tariffs.

High tariffs, he thought, were bad, but we should not cure them by pulling down our own barriers. He believed the nations of Europe were going to try to get rid of the most favoured nation clause and simultaneously reduce their own tariffs, and reduce competing tariffs by making tariff agreements. He believed that was the whole tendency of the economic life of Europe, and we were left outside it.

Empire Threads.

Referring briefly to the Dominions question, Mr. Baldwin said it was his view, and a view shared by thoughtful men of all parties in all the Dominions, that unless something could be constructed in the way of economic co-operation with a view to the economic unity of the Empire, there was a real risk that, in time, the threads that bound the Empire, which were already gossamer, might break, and with the breaking of those threads would go the hope of the world for peace and progress.

He had been unable to see any way in which economic unity could be approached except by utilising duties.

Concluding, the Conservative leader said he was well aware that the Government would win on the vote, but as rain washed away the Corn Laws, so unemployment would wash away this Government.

Deliberate Conspiracy.

Mr. Snowden denounced what he described as a deliberate conspiracy of certain interests to discredit the Government.

Stories of the closing down of factories had been appearing daily in the Press and the whole of the increase in unemployment had been attributed to the policy of the Government, particularly in regard to his own personal responsibilities in respect of certain industries.

If the latter had had any influence at all, it could only be influential to an important extent as only three per cent. of the country's workers were employed in safeguarded industries.

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DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON.

WORK TO START ON CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

KOWLOON TONG ESTATE.

Several questions relating to improvements in Kowloon were asked at yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, when supplementary expenditure amounting to \$189,925 was approved.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock raised a question with regard to the vote of \$12,700 for the formation of a children's playground in Salisbury Road, Kowloon. He asked:—Does that sum include the whole of the items recommended by the Kowloon Residents' Association?

The Director of Public Works:—Yes.
Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—The Kowloon Residents' Association have been waiting patiently and long for the completion of the children's playground, and it would be satisfactory if some sort of assurance could be obtained from the Director of Public Works that the work on this playground will be resumed immediately, and also if he could give us some sort of idea as to when the playground will be available.

The Director of Public Works:—The work will begin as soon as the vote has been approved.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Has the contract been made?

The Director of Public Works:—I believe that tenders have been obtained for various items.
Hon. Mr. Braga:—If I may make a suggestion, it is that in walking up Salisbury Road or Chatham Road you will see how poorly lighted the children's playground area is at the present time. If the scheme does not include an improvement in the lighting of the playground, may I suggest it might be taken into consideration by the Director of Public Works?

The Chairman:—Do children play after nightfall?

Hon. Mr. Braga:—Not exactly after nightfall, but parents and children may not leave exactly at sunset. Besides, in the summer, we see quite a number of people sitting out and enjoying the fresh cool breezes in the evening, and I think that in the summer the hours might be extended somewhat.

The Chairman:—I have no doubt that the Director of Public Works will bear that in mind.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—The cost would be infinitesimal.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—I should like to support the Hon. Mr. Braga's plea that this work be completed as soon as possible. It is years—must be three or four years—since the playground was first mooted.

The Chairman:—The Director of Public Works will take your wishes into consideration and push the work on as fast as it can be done.

Kowloon Tong.

With reference to various votes to complete work in hand approved last year, in connexion with the development of Kowloon Tong, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said:—With regard to these items, I notice it is said that owing to the unsatisfactory manner in which the contractor had proceeded, the contracts had been relet. I should like to ask whether any satisfaction has been got out of the old contractor by way of damages?

The Director of Public Works:—All the three items refer to the same contract. I do not think we signed him. What happened was that we accepted a very low rate, and no one could do the work for that rate.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Was he not guilty of negligence of any kind?

The Director of Public Works:—Like all contractors who quote very low rates they wait for the next payment before they can proceed. They go on from hand to mouth. It always means delay.

We are having the same trouble this year in another case.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—I suppose there is some penalty? The Director of Public Works:—We could have inflicted a penalty if we had thought it fair to do so.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—I should have thought we have lost a good deal by the contractor defaulting.

The Director of Public Works:—It has been chiefly delay in bringing the work to completion.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes:—Has the contractor lost anything by it? The Director of Public Works:—He has gained by getting out of it, but he has lost considerably by being kept on so long.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—Do they not put up any guarantee? The Director of Public Works:—Yes, they do. We are still able to hold that. We can take his security from him. I believe we are recommending that it should not be done in this case.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Do these items in connexion with the development of Kowloon Tong include all the money to be expended?

The Director of Public Works:—That is all. It completes the estate.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—That is all the Government proposes to do?

The Director of Public Works:—That is all. It completes the estate.

Levelling at Kowloon Tsai.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—Sir, can you inform us whether the whole of the Kowloon Tsai district has been resumed by Government or whether there are many lots remaining that have not been resumed?

The Director of Public Works:—There are a good many remaining still.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—So that this vote for roads is only for part of Kowloon Tsai district?

The Director of Public Works:—Yes, this is in connexion with the Kowloon Tong development scheme. It does not cross over to the other side where the village is.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—Is it the intention of the Government to resume the whole of that area and level down all the hills at Kowloon Tong?

The Director of Public Works:—That has been considered, but no decision has been made. Several proposals have been put forward.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—I am glad, Sir, to get that information from the Director of Public Works because it leads me to the point where I think it would be an enormous advantage for the Government to resume the remaining lots so as to utilise the hill for filling the low-lying areas and bring them to the level of the road.

The Director of Public Works:—That is being done.

Government Workshops.

In regard to a vote for \$37,200 to complete the new workshops on Praya East Reclamation, commenced last year, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:—I should like to enquire what "additional sum required to meet increased contract rates for 1930, \$2,100" means. Why is it that the contract rate has been increased?

The Director of Public Works:—The tenders for 1930 were higher than those for 1929. Rates have gone up. The work was being done on a maintenance contract and the rates for the maintenance contract this year were higher.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Has the cost of building gone up?

The Director of Public Works:—In that particular item, under the maintenance contract, it has.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Do we have a general maintenance contract and a different contract each year?

The Director of Public Works:—Yes, it was more economical to do it at the rates in force in 1929 than it would have been if we had called for new tenders.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes:—Do you, in a case of that kind, give the contract to another tenderer or to the original tenderer?

The Director of Public Works:—We give it to the successful tenderer for maintenance for next

ANKING-TANDA COLLISION.

COURT OF INQUIRY GIVES ITS FINDING.

SHIPS WELL HANDLED.

The Marine Court of Inquiry into the circumstances attending the collision between the s.s. Tando and the s.s. Anking in the early hours of February 26 was concluded yesterday, after a long sitting in the afternoon.

The finding of the Court was announced as follows:

"We find that the British s.s. Anking Official No. 148563 of London of which Mr. Robert Ritchie (Certificate of Competency as Extra Master No. 031684 of Dundee) was master came into collision in dense fog with the British s.s. Tando No. 136289 of Glasgow of which Mr. Elias Tomlin Pilcher (Certificate of Competency as Extra Master No. 031625 of London) was Master in an approximate position Lat. 22° 26' N. Long. 115° 13' E. at 1.40 a.m. (Local time) on February 26th, 1930.

We find that the Anking, being on a voyage from Hongkong to Swatow, was on course N. 75 E. True, Speed slow at 1.32 a.m. At 1.34 hearing a long blast from a steamer about one point on her port bow she altered course to N. 86 E. (True). At 1.35 hearing a second blast, the Compass bearing of the fog signal not having altered, engines were stopped. Ship then proceeded to lose her weight and to fall off to starboard. At 1.39 a.m. the lights of the Tando were sighted about 100 feet 6 points on the port bow.

We find that the s.s. Tando proceeding on a voyage from Moji (Japan) to Hongkong at 1.20 (Local time) on February 26th, 1930 was on course S. 74 W. true proceeding at four knots having another steamer, name unknown, on her starboard beam. Both ships were sounding Regulation fog signals.

At 1.27 Tando heard a further fog signal (one long blast) four points on her starboard bow and at 1.35 received "Two long blasts" from this ship. At 1.38 Tando stopped. At 1.38½ starboarded her helm to avoid the ship whose lights had just been sighted on the Starboard bow and which ship from her fog signal was deemed to be stopped and making no way through the water.

At 1.39 a.m. both ships went Full Astern.

At 1.40 a.m. they came into collision.

We are of the opinion that the causes of the collision were as follows:—

(a) Anking on hearing long blasts in the first instance thought she heard Tando whereas she actually heard the ship on Tando's beam. She then rightly ported and had the misfortune to close Tando.

(b) When approaching one another both vessels had slight headway causing Anking to strike Tando on the Starboard bow abreast No. 2 hatch.

(c) That Anking's headway was such that going astern overcame it just too late to avoid impact.

We find that both Masters handled their ships with caution and in a seaman-like manner and we further compliment the Master of the Tando for his prompt manoeuvre immediately after the moment of impact."

It may not be the same man.

Printing.

Regarding a vote for \$920 for printing and stationery, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said:—This is a very small thing, but I do not understand why 500 copies should cost \$1.5 each and another 200 copies 85 cents each.

The Chairman:—The printing would be done very much cheaper.

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PUBLIC MONEY.

GAOL PRINTING SHOP ENLARGEMENT.

We have received the following communique from the Government:

With reference to the undertaking given in the Budget debate on 23rd September, 1929, that the money voted for 1930 for enlarging the Printing Shop at the Victoria Gaol should not be spent without further reference to Legislative Council, it is announced that the Unofficial Members of Legislative Council, after an examination of the subject, have now decided with one dissentient that they will not oppose this work being undertaken. The work will be proceeded with accordingly.

It is further announced that the additional motor launch for the use of the Government Marine Surveyors, regarding which a similar reservation was made in the Budget debate, has received the unanimous approval of the Unofficial Members of Legislative Council and that the funds voted in the Estimates for 1930 for this purpose will accordingly now be used.

Akyab, Mar. 13.

Mr. Van Lear Black, the flying millionaire, took off from here today en route to Tokyo.—Reuter.

If it could be carried out in the gaol printery.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—\$1.5 a copy seems to me to be very high.

The Colonial Treasurer:—These are staff rules and general rules.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—I am quite satisfied.

All the votes were approved.

NUGGET

Boot Polish

"Good morning Miss Shoe, you look positively charming."
"A personal reflection, I assure you, Mr. Nugget."

A.P.B.

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Aerobatically speaking! The agile child "dancers" glimpsed performing all sorts of amazing feats. Notice, by way of conclusive proof, the small person on the right. All the participants appear to be enjoying themselves thoroughly.

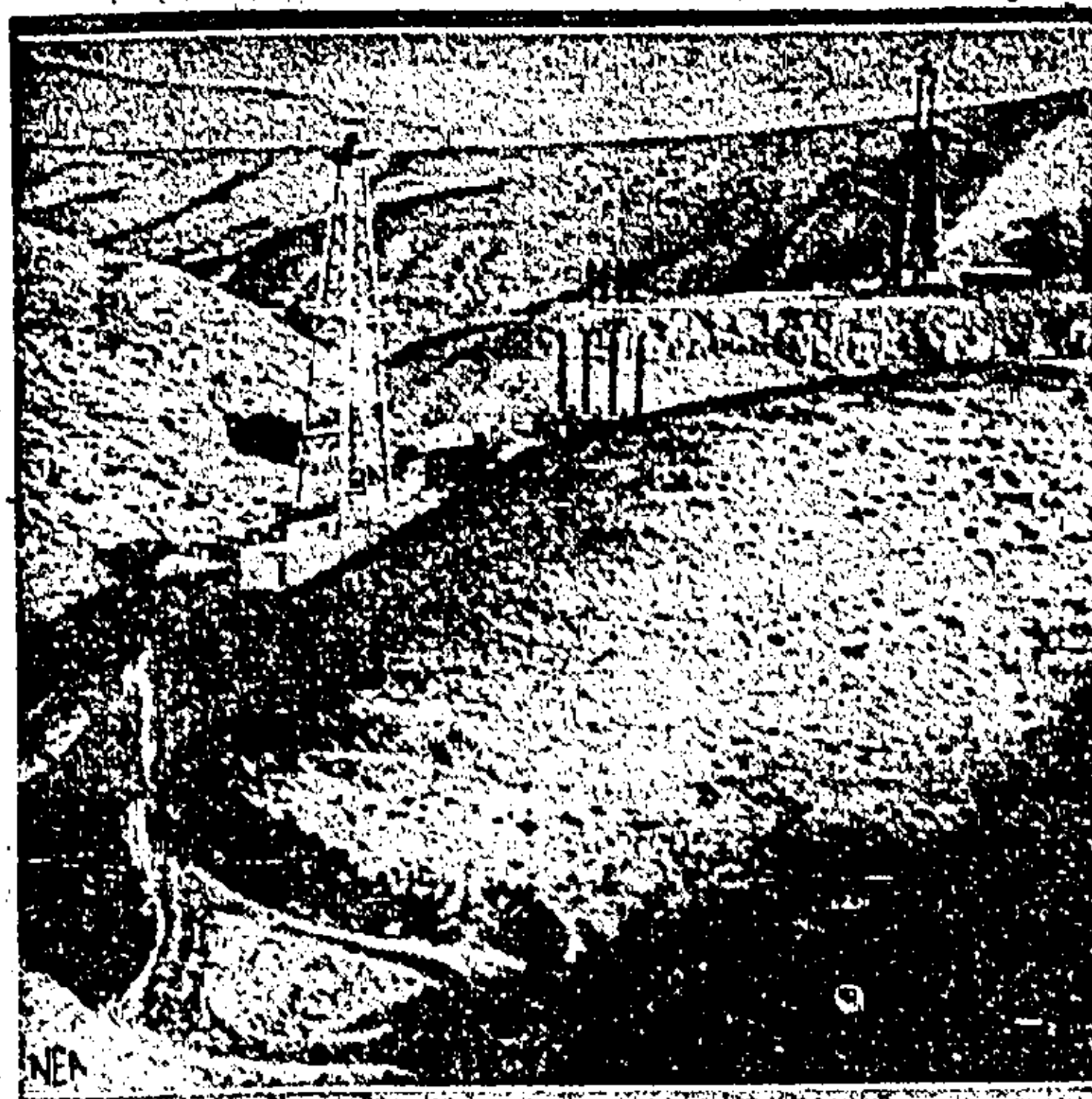


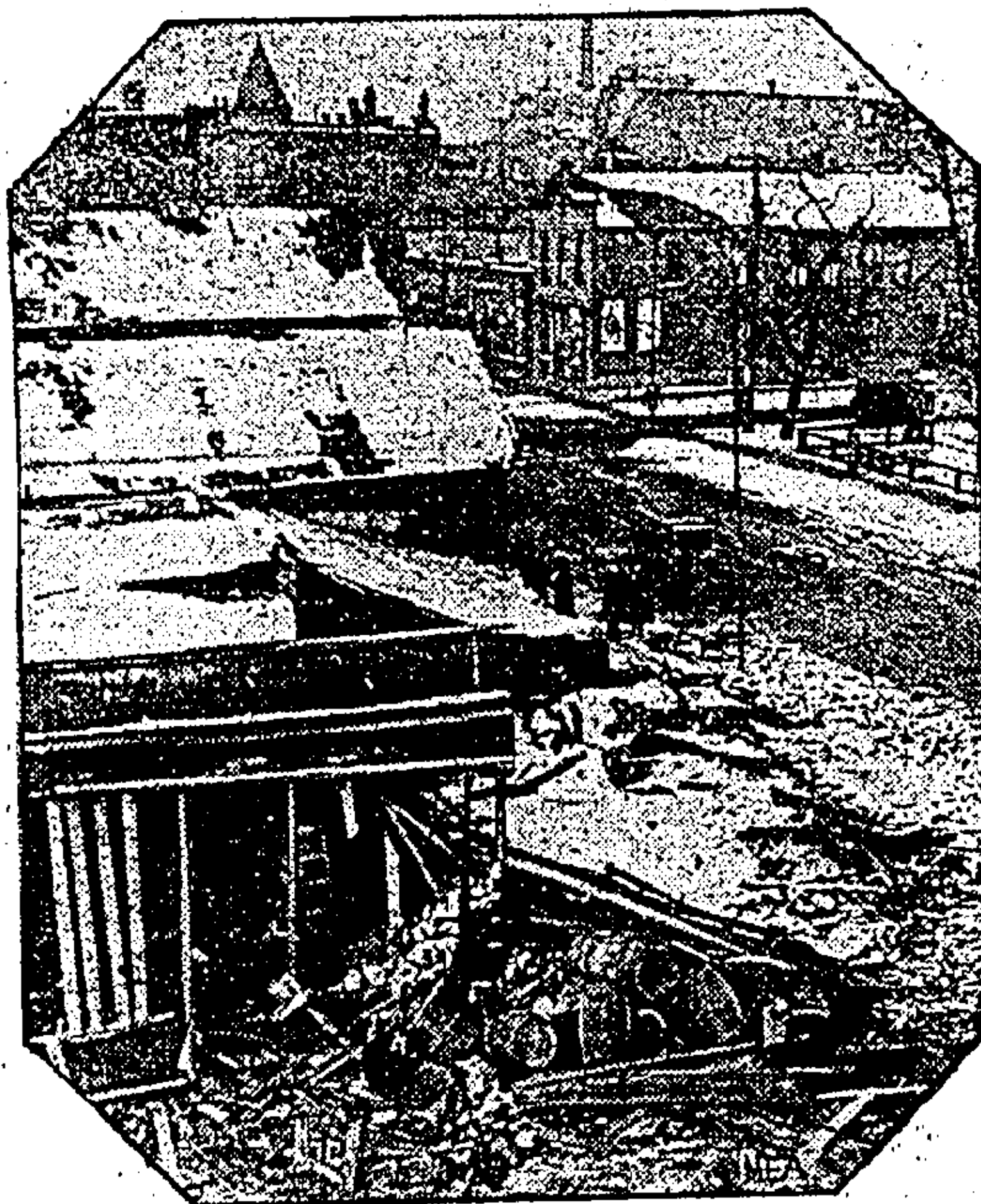
Photo shows the new oil borings at Kettleman North Dome, which suddenly yielded 4,000 barrels after 20 years of negative results. It is estimated that the well contains between 32,000,000 and 8,000,000 barrels. Many became millionaires overnight.



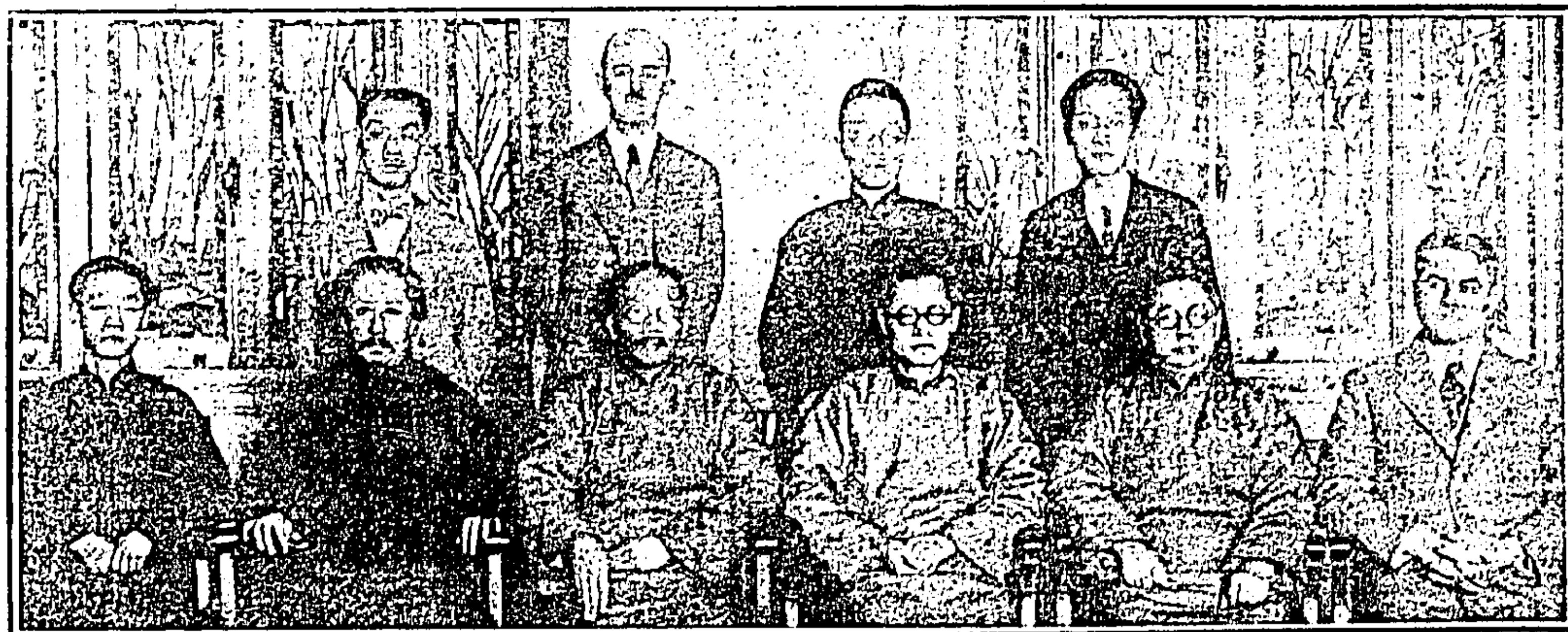
While statesmen debated the limitation of navies at the London conference, this newly-built battle cruiser the Augusta U. S. S. slipped down the ways at Newport News, Va. Inset is the comely christener of the ship, Miss Evelyn McDaniel of Augusta, Ga.



Miss Irene Noon, of the Carol Bateman-Audrey King Dancing School, who danced at the Shanghai B.W.A. tea.



Serious damage and injuries to a score of persons in nearby homes when Chicago terrorists, in their newest outrage bombed a grocery store. The neighbourhood was rocked and windows for blocks were shattered.



The fourth regular meeting of the China Foundation, the Board of Trustees for the Boxer Indemnity returned by the United States, was held at the Astor House Shanghai recently. Those in the photograph include, standing, left to right: Mr. H. C. Zen, Mr. R. S. Green, Dr. Hu Shih and Dr. Chao Yuen-ren; and seated: Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Mr. Li Shih-tseng, Mr. Tsai Yuen-pei, Dr. Chiang Mon-lin, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. J. E. Baker.



Mr. Liu Shu-fan, Nanking Director of Posts, who recently returned from an extended trip to Europe and the British Isles.



America's largest city intends to nip crime in the bud. Pictured above with Police Commissioner Grover Whalen is Miss Virginia Murray, head of the women's division of the newly organized New York Crime Prevention Bureau, as she prepared to begin her task of "reaching errant youth before misconduct becomes habitual."



A glimpse of the participants in the colourful national dance presented by the Czech-Slovakian women of the Danube Countries Women's Association. It was given at the American Women's Club, Shanghai, recently.



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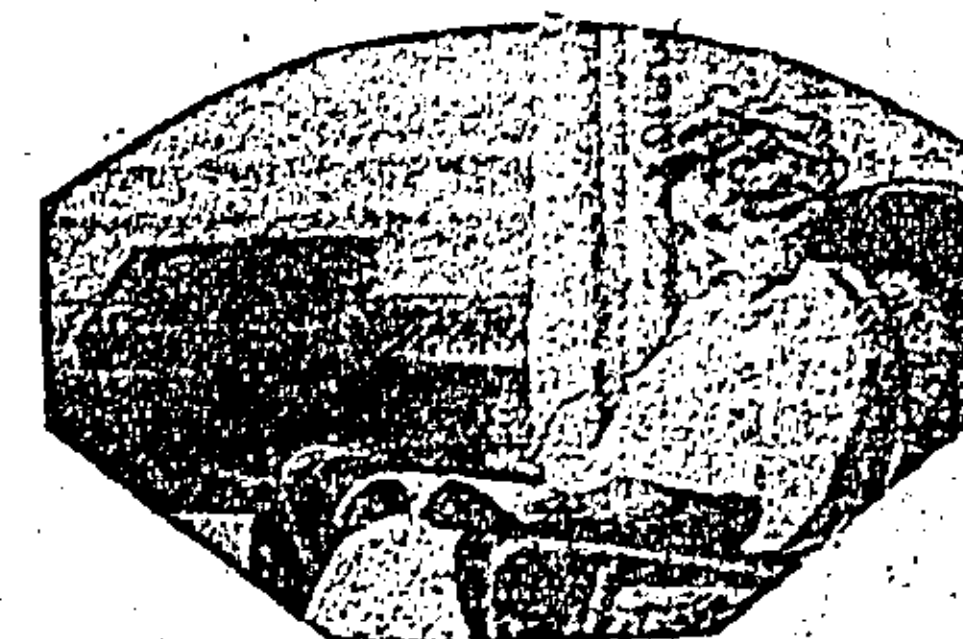
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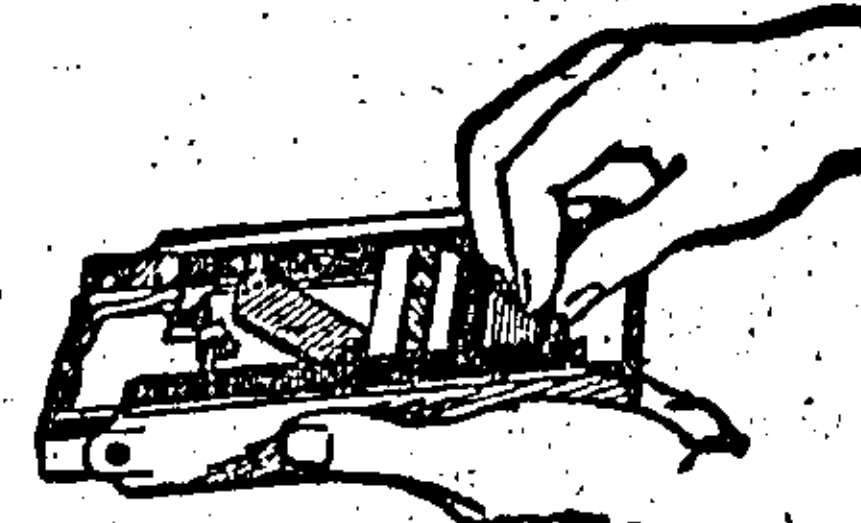
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New Advertisements

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

Final of the Triangular Rugby Tournament.

CLUB V THE NAVY.

This game will be played on the Club ground on Saturday, 15th March, 1930.

Kick off—3.30 p.m.

ADMISSION:—

Covered Stand\$1.00.
Services30c.
Open Stand30c.

W. PRYDE,
Hon. Secretary.

FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB.

STEEPLECHASES.

Kwan Ti,
March 16th—First Race 3 p.m.

Special Train leaves KOWLOON 1.50 p.m. returning from Fanling 5.55 p.m. Fare \$2.00 for Round Trip, including Admission to the Races.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1929, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th March, 1930, until WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 6th March, 1930.

HONG KONG CLUB.

The Second Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 issued—\$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, Payable on Tuesday, the 30th September, 1930, will be held in Club House at 11 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, the 20th March, 1930.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut.-Col.
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1930.

THE BANK OF CANTON LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th March, 1930, to the 26th March, 1930, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on SATURDAY, the 15th day of March, 1930, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1929, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th March, to the 15th March, 1930, Both Days inclusive.

Dated this 17th day of

February, 1930.

By Order of the Board,

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

G. R.

1930—1931.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the R. N. Hospital until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1930, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1931.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

WM. W. KEIR,
Surgeon Rear Admiral.
R. N. Hospital,
Hongkong, 13th March, 1930.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room 2nd Floor, Alexandra Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1930, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1929, electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 18th MARCH, 1930, until WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1930, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1930.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 41st Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 8th March, 1930, to Wednesday, 19th March, 1930 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 20th February, 1930.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 26th March 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1929.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1930.

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The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

Certificate	No.	Shares	17516/17516
	3797	100	57710/57809
	3798	100	81835/81909
			149373/149397
	3799	50	13271/13320
	3800	100	194491/194590
	3801	24	194591/194614

All in the name of Chan Ching Shek

For The HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

G. R.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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Lammert's Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on SATURDAY,

the 15th March, 1930, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the Tai Koo Dockyard, Quarry Bay.

(for account of the concerned).
15,090 Empty Sugar Bags.
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all more or less damaged.
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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 13, 1930.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 20th March, 1930,

commencing at 11 a.m. at the premises of The Tai Koo Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

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Plate Rolling Roll Mill, Drilling

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Machines, Screwing Machines,

Empty Jars, Scrap Brass, Bushey

Brass Turnings, Old Filter Press

Cloths, Hessian Bale Cover,

Platform Scales, Scrap Iron,

Broken Empty Bottles, Calcium

Chloride, Special Graphitization

Paste, Fumiger Paint, Marine

Grease, Asbestos, Aquol Paint,

Pabco Paint, Sanalene White

Enamel, Salamander Oil, Colza

Oil, Hoist Brakes, BB Cent. Machine

Brakes, Porcelain Insulators,

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Bolts and Nuts, Iron Cotter Pins,

Dies, Block Files, Wood Blocks,

Iron Washers, Iron Studs for Insulators, etc., etc.

On View from Wednesday,

the 19th March, 1930.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

"ATHOS II"

Arrived Hongkong on Friday,

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From MARSEILLES, &c.

Consignees of Cargo by the above

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From their youngest days little girls love to play with dolls and to fancy themselves mothers. Later, when they have real children of their own, they learn that the duties of motherhood are anything but play.

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Chemists everywhere sell Baby's Own Tablets, or post free, 60 cent per vial, from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., 60 Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

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Melancholy. F. T.
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Hoosier Hop. F. T.
21957 { W-ding of the Painted Doll. F. T.
I'm Crazy for You. F. T.
22250 { Look for the Silver Lining.
Wild Rose. F. T.
21927 { Walking with Susie. F. T.
That's You Baby. F. T.
21969 { Little The Ceiling. F. T.
Sug a Little Love Song. F. T.
22054 { Lovable and Sweet. F. T.
My Dream Memory. F. T.
22204 { Through. F. T.
Why Do You Suppose. F. T.
22079 { Love. "The Trespasser".
Serenade "The Trespasser".
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DAIRY FARM'S FINE RECORD.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Your Directors recommend dealing with same as under and trust that this will meet with your approval—Pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 200,000 shares, \$300,000; transfer to reserve, \$30,000; carry forward to next account, \$24,054.41.

Development Plans.

Your Directors have to report the purchase of two strips of very desirable land with certain buildings thereon adjoining our East Point property, thus squaring it off and affording ground for future expansion. We have also secured a lease of the Peak Garage, part of which has been altered to accommodate our store, whilst the remainder has been let to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., as a garage. These premises are found very satisfactory and of considerable convenience to Peak residents.

The conditions of the purchase of our East Point property call for reclamation of the foreshore and laying down a roadway, and this work has almost been completed, thus enhancing the value of this property. It has also been considered necessary to pull down certain old buildings at the farm and at our main depot in order to erect more up-to-date and commodious premises—this work is under construction. Two new cold stores are being erected at our East Point Works, which will provide a further 30,000 cubic feet of storage accommodation.

The capital expenditure in connection with the various additions and improvements amounts to nearly \$200,000.

In addition to our arrangements for attending to the trade of Kowloon, your Directors have not overlooked the developments in that neighbourhood and this will be kept in mind and arrangements made to meet the increased demand for dairy and other produce.

Company's Live Stock.

In view of the very progressive and satisfactory state of the Company's live stock, a few remarks in this connection may not be out of place.

Cattle.—The health of the herd throughout the year has been excellent and free from outbreaks of infectious diseases. During the absence on leave of our Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. D. L. McWhirter, B.Sc., the veterinary side was well cared for by Major Roche-Kelly, R.A.V.S., and conditions generally have been progressive. The average yield per cow per annum has gone up from 533 gallons in 1922 to 819.7 gallons in 1929, an increase of 53.6 per cent., a no mean achievement and compares more than favourably with that obtained from most herds in normal climates, the total average for the British Isles being about 643 gallons. This increase in yield has enabled us to maintain an almost steady rate per gallon against foodstuffs consumed, in spite of a considerable increase in the cost of same—14 per cent. during the past two years.

Our herd is practically being self-maintained but it is of course necessary to import fresh strains from time to time, and a shipment of 19 head—15 cows and four bulls of the Ayrshire breed—arrived on the 31st January from Scotland. These animals were selected from approved herds by a well-known authority on this breed, consequently good results are anticipated.

Alarmist Rumours Scotched.

Immunization of all young animals against rinderpest has been again carried out for the third year in succession without loss and our herd immunity now stands at 85 per cent., which you will admit, reflects great credit on the veterinary and farm staff.

Alarmist rumours regarding the health of the cattle at the Farm having reached the ears of the

GIRL GETS PRISON SENTENCE.

STOLE \$1,500 FROM UNDER THE BED.

Imprisonment for four months was the sentence imposed by Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on one of two Chinese girls charged with stealing and receiving \$1,500 from No. 37, Pokfulam Road. The second defendant was discharged through lack of evidence.

The case was first before the Court on Wednesday, when the Magistrate reserved his judgment until this morning, to allow the police to make efforts to recover the money. At the original hearing, it was stated that the first defendant stole the money from under a bed where she discovered it whilst the room was being cleaned. She alleged that she took the money at the instigation of the second girl.

The second defendant was represented by Mr. Horace Lo.

Directors, a disclaimer was at once made in the local Press, and from what I have just told you, you can rest assured that we have had no rinderpest at the Farm. Native dairies, however, have not been so fortunate and over 100 deaths from this disease have been reported. This has naturally created a sudden increased demand for milk, unfortunately at a time when our supplies are at their lowest, and we were therefore reluctantly compelled temporarily to reduce the quantity of cream supplied to our customers, which I regret caused some inconvenience to our regular clients.

Pigs and Poultry.

Pig Herd.—The herd of pigs has been increased by over 120 per cent. during the year and accommodation is being made for a further increase. Much improved results are being obtained due to a change in the method of handling the breeding stock. During the year, four boars were imported from England, one large white and three middle white.

Poultry.—A start has been made towards the establishment of a sufficient stock of an egg-producing strain of poultry, pure breeds having been imported from Canada. Incubators have been used with success and a considerable increase in numbers is anticipated and a demand for the eggs is assured.

In conclusion, I would like to extend an invitation to any of our shareholders or customers who would like to visit the Farm and see our live stock and the method of handling milk, etc., and I can assure them of a hearty welcome from our Manager, Mr. Stevenson, and his assistants.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. W. Macfarlane and carried.

Other Business.

On the proposal of Mr. J. Bullock, seconded by Mr. Chan Nai-pan, Mr. J. P. Warren and Mr. R. E. Coxon were re-elected Directors.

Mr. C. Makeham proposed and Mr. Chan Pun-kow seconded the re-election of Messrs. Percy, Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors at a remuneration of \$1,200. This was also carried.

Mr. J. P. Warren presided, others present being Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. R. E. Coxon, Dr. W. V. M. Koch (Directors), Mr. A. Stevenson (Manager), Mr. J. D. Thomson (acting Secretary), and Messrs. C. Makeham, J. Bullock, W. Macfarlane, Chan Nai-pan, Chan Pun-kow, Yeung Yau and Mrs. Yung Yeung-shi (shareholders).

PRESENTATION TO MR. PATTENDEN.

TRIBUTES BY CATHEDRAL CONGREGATION.

30 YEARS' RESIDENCE.

On the occasion of the impending departure of Mr. W. L. Pattenden on retirement after a residence of 30 years in the Colony, members of the congregation of St. John's Cathedral assembled in the Hall yesterday evening, when a reception was given in honour of Mr. Pattenden in recognition of the services rendered since his arrival in Hongkong.

Sir Henry Pollock presided, and was supported by the Very Rev. Dean Alfred Swann, Prof. L. Forster and Mr. P. S. Cassidy. His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria (The Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy) was also present.

Dean Swann said that Mr. Pattenden had been indefatigable in supporting everything that the Cathedral undertook and his work had been of the greatest possible value. He had constantly assisted in the work of the Church of England. He had organised the sidesmen of the Cathedral which required considerable work, and every other way he had rendered invaluable help.

Hard to Replace.

The speaker said that he did not know how to regard the future without Mr. Pattenden. He knew for himself he would lose his good acts, a much valued friend and the Cathedral would lose someone very hard to replace (Applause).

Mr. Forster said there was no office which Mr. Pattenden had occupied, which had not gained in dignity and distinction by his kindness, zeal, modesty and Christian courtesy.

It was one of the functions of the Cathedral to secrete that spiritual cementing power which bound the individuals of the community together into a common brotherhood or fellowship. To the speaker's mind no one had distilled the essence of that spirit so fully nor so splendidly as Mr. Pattenden. His presence in the Cathedral was always to him an emblem of harmony and unity so that when he invited people to a seat he was not only giving them a place in that to rest and worship, but he was also fitting them into the living corporate body.

Widely Supported.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy said that the presentation, of which he was the treasurer, had been very widely supported. Subscriptions had come in not only from members of the electoral role but also from other members of the congregation and one or two members of other congregations. There had been also, not only old residents but some comparatively newcomers. Service men, including those in camp in the New Territories, those on board H.M.S. Cornwall at Nanking and on other warships in different parts of the country. This showed the regard and affection which people had for Mr. Pattenden, and he thought that it showed how his wonderful services had been so extremely well appreciated, not only for the services themselves but for his utterly unselfish desire to help his fellow-men.

Sir Henry Pollock then presented Mr. Pattenden with two photographs of the interior and exterior of St. John's Cathedral together with a cheque, subscribed for by members of the congregation. Each photograph frame was mounted with a small plate bearing the following inscription: "Presented to W. L. Pattenden Esq. by the congregation of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 1900-1930."

Mr. Pattenden Replies.

Mr. Pattenden was loudly applauded on rising to return thanks. He said that it was quite impossible for him to express how deeply he felt for their great kindness, the kind words that had been said about him and the handsome presents

MR. PEPYS IN HONGKONG.

VI.

To-day to the Club, where I did seek to get me free passes for the Play, but to my great discontent the Treasurer might sharp at me and do say it is my money they require. Which grieves me mightily and I did call him a poor fashie. But later when I do hear from Mr. Progers of the charges the Company are at for all the monstrous fine clothes they must provide, I repent me and do vow to go at least twice at my own charges, and as often more as anyone may bid me go with him. I hear that apart from the silks and satins and camolot-clothes, there are a vast of periwigs which do cost a fortune. So towards my home and past a lawn where they do play at tennis. But so many it astonishes me as I heard the naughty cricketers did keep them away. But I mightily pleased to find they did not fell the trees which are His Majesty's. Back home where I find a sad rogue doth drink my strong waters and talk with my wife, which did disquiet me like a fool, and ran in my mind a great while. And so to bed.

RADIO BROADCAST.

CANTONESE LESSON AND KIDDIES' HOUR.

To-day's programme to be broadcast from ZBW, on a wavelength of 355 metres includes a children's programme and also a further lesson in Cantonese by the Rev. H. R. Wells. The full programme is as follows:— 6.00-6.30 p.m. Programme of Columbia records by courtesy of Anderson Music Company. 6.30-6.00 p.m. Children's programme. 6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme. 7.00 p.m. 6th Lesson on the Study of Cantonese by the Rev. H. R. Wells. 7.30 p.m. Experimental programme. 9.00 p.m. Evening programme of Columbia records by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Company. 10.30 p.m. Close down.

that had been made to him. He quite liked them and if he might be allowed to do so he would like to hand back the cheque to the Dean to make arrangements for new altar rails in keeping with the dignity of the Cathedral. It would be a great pleasure to know it would add to the beauty of their Church (Applause).

Mr. Pattenden referred to the day of his arrival in the Colony, when he found the Cathedral a dull, dreary place. He spoke of the many furnishings which they had to-day, of the building itself, how the floors provided a wonderful place for rats and the roof a wonderful place for rain ants.

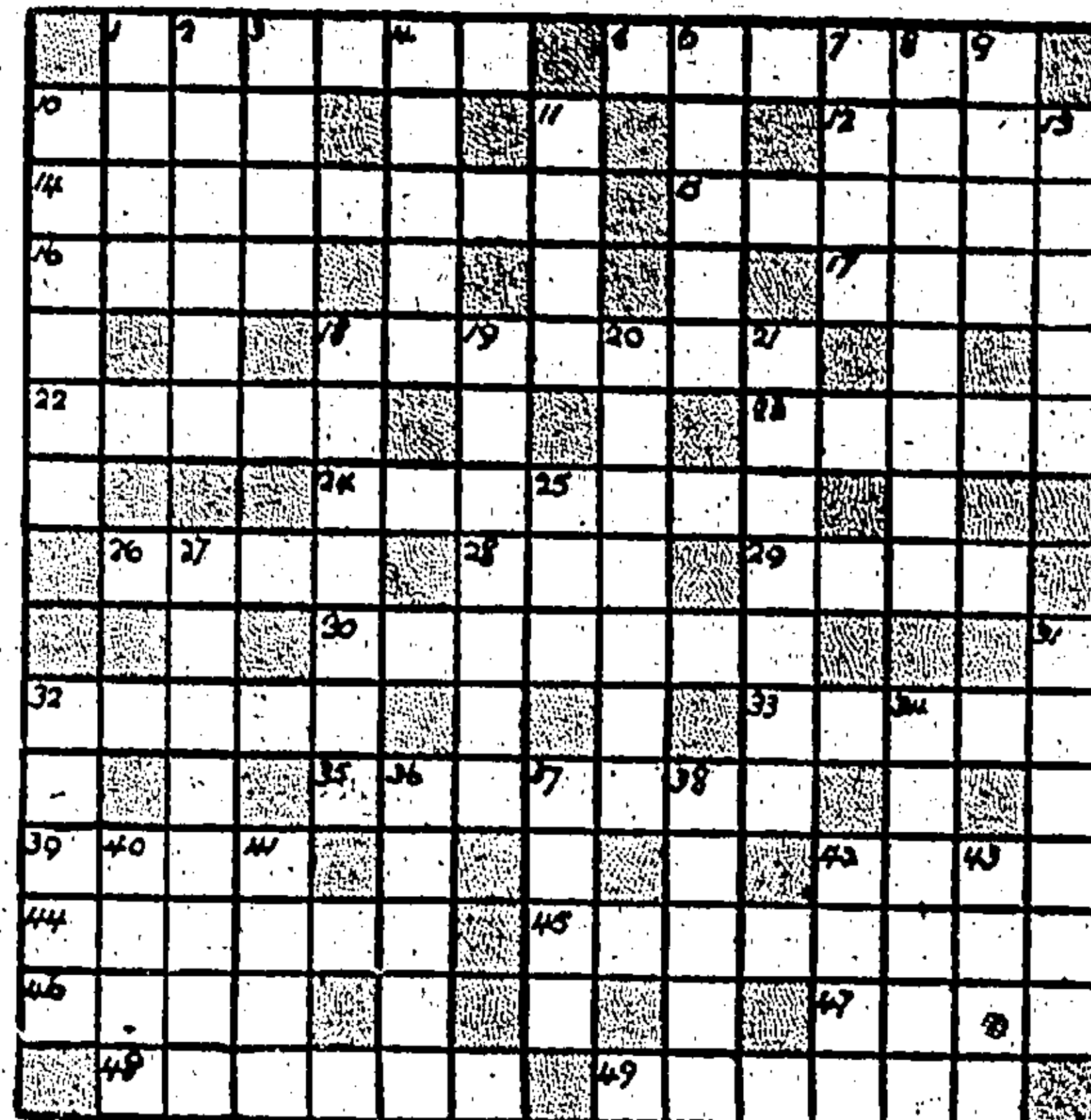
Referring to a remark made by the Dean the speaker said that it was not he who had arranged the sidesmen, it had been the Rev. Copley Moyle. The speaker mentioned that in those days the sidesmen were generally the taipans, Sir Thomas Jackson and the Attorney General having acted in the capacity.

In conclusion Mr. Pattenden thanked the gathering very much indeed for their great kindness. He expressed the hope that God's blessing would always rest upon the Cathedral, that it might become the centre of work in the Colony and a gathering place for all people of the Anglican section irrespective of race or nationality, to be a place where they could meet on common ground, and become a real force in Hongkong of what the people were striving for in becoming God's kingdom here on earth.

Sir Henry Pollock said that the Dean had asked him to express the great appreciation which would be felt by the Church Council for the generous act of Mr. Pattenden in handing back the cheque for new altar rails in the Cathedral. He was sure they would have no more pleasant reminder of the 30 years devoted service that Mr. Pattenden had given to the Cathedral and to the Church of England.

Continuing Sir Henry said that he was sure that all those present felt that in losing Mr. Pattenden they were losing a real personal

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- 17 Once.
- 18 Falls back on.
- 22 Crest.
- 23 Postures.
- 24 Follage.
- 25 Dote.
- 26 Writing implement.
- 27 Point of compass.
- 28 Curved.
- 29 Sepulchral slab.
- 30 Choose.
- 33 Boxed.
- 39 Contralto.
- 42 Famous college.
- 44 That which pours.
- 45 Reading.
- 46 Certain.
- 47 French measures.
- 48 Due return.
- 49 Missiles.

Down

- 1 Large book.
- 2 Enraged.
- 3 Insects.
- 4 Suppress.
- 6 Boundary.
- 7 Queen of England.
- 8 Travellers.
- 9 Fixes.

- 10 Recede.
- 11 Difference in monetary value.
- 13 Lists of candidates (Scotland).
- 18 Venerate.
- 19 Genus of annelidans.
- 20 More circular.
- 21 Hurried.
- 25 Lair.
- 27 Proposal.
- 31 Mental pains.
- 32 Closes quickly.
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friend and one whose friendship towards them they very much appreciated and reciprocated.
As Mr. Forster had said they wished Mr. Pattenden every happiness, every prosperity and every blessing at Home. (Applause).

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MR. SNOWDEN'S TASK.

Mr. Snowden has the reputation of being at his best when he is up against difficulties. All his fortitude and resource, however, will be needed when he comes to give the final touches to the coming Budget. He has to face an increase of some forty millions sterling, of which twenty-five millions will have to be met from the ordinary sources of revenue. The imposition of extra taxation therefore seems inevitable. How will he face the situation? Politicians of the Opposition camp are anxious to gain some indication of his intentions, whilst the business man and the ordinary taxpayer are just as curious. Mr. Snowden, however, is at present giving nothing away; it is not reasonable to expect that he should. Everybody must "wait and see."

There has been talk in some circles of the possible imposition of an extra sixpence on Income Tax, but that seems scarcely likely. It may be that there will be some alteration in the higher grades of that tax, in line with the Labour attitude that the broadest backs should bear the heaviest burdens, but to touch the other grades would be fatal, as it would add another load of responsibility on a community already taxed more heavily than any other in the world. It has been calculated that with the Income Tax at its present figure, people at home pay over £15 per head of the population, whereas the total taxation of the citizens of the United States is in the region of £6 per annum. We have no doubt that Mr. Snowden will strain every nerve to obviate the piling up of taxation, which he must know would be the worst possible thing that could befall the country at the present time. But he may be unable to help himself. A goodly part of the increased expenditure which the Government has to face is due to widow's pensions and the increased unemployment pay. There is no serious complaint regarding the former, but there does appear to be a growing feeling that the Government has rushed in rather hastily with the "dole" increases. On the matter of the country's trade, there are not wanting indications that the present year may witness a revival of industry if

capital can be assured that it will not have to endure a further dose of taxation. But even the threat of fresh imposts will have a chilling effect. In this sphere, "we cannot imagine Mr. Snowden further penalising industry, for that would be tantamount to nullifying all the schemes, some of them most promising, which have been devised for the specific purpose of helping the nation's trade and commerce."

It is possible, of course, that the Budget may make some provision for procuring revenue from land taxes. In this connexion, it has been suggested that the Government might with reason look to securing for itself some advantage in cases where land and property has increased in value not by any act on the part of the owners but by reason of increased amenities which have automatically put up values. This idea, we believe, is one which would find support from the Liberals, who have always had in mind the possibilities of unearned increment on land. Obviously, however, any such proposal as this would need to be carefully devised if it is not to have undesirable reactions. On the general question, Mr. Snowden has an admittedly heavy task in front of him. The manner in which he handles it may easily affect the continued existence of the Labour Government.

The Parting of the Ways.

The London Naval Conference is now seen to be at the turning of the ways. Vital decisions have now to be taken and a very grave responsibility lies with France and Italy. One road, which we might call Faith in Peace, holds out the promise of complete success. The other, the Principle of Armed Security, offers nothing better than a compromise, a holiday in battle-ships, on the proper method of naval limitation, and the humanisation of the submarine. Once started along this road, there can be no turning back at this conference, and there is no short cut to complete success at any point en route. There is a roughly marked path which may take years to traverse. However, too gloomy a view should not be taken at this stage. In the early days of the parley we were advised to be cautious in our optimism. Now, perhaps, we should be careful not to join too readily in despair. That is not the spirit which prevails among the delegates even to-day. We have to credit all represented in London with sincerity, with a willingness to meet the wishes of the others as far as circumstances, in their view, allow. France has set her tonnage requirements at a figure which may wreck the conference, and throws the blame upon Italy for standing pat on her original programme, that of insisting on parity with France. It is clear that if Italy and France will sit down with the intention of composing their differences, and succeed, the negotiation of a five-power treaty on the lines desired by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald would be child's play. On that possibility the immediate future appears to depend, though, a little more remote perhaps, both may be satisfied if some astute statesman can devise a form of words governing their respective positions, and offending no susceptibilities. It has to be admitted, we think, that Italy and France, as sovereign nations, are entitled to build up to any figure they choose. But it is not a time for nonsense, and we are of opinion that a solution could be reached swiftly enough if both countries would submit not a paper programme, but the figures up to which they actually intend to build between 1930 and 1936. M. Briand was a co-author of the Peace Pact. Surely he should have faith.

BUSES COLLIDE.

A minor collision at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Nathan Road was reported to the Police last night. A Kowloon bus coming from Kowloon City collided with a China bus which was turning into Nathan Road from Shamshui. Little damage was caused to the vehicles and nobody was hurt.

DAY BY DAY.

YOUNG MEN WHO ISOLATE THEMSELVES IN COLLEGE AND PORE OVER BOOKS ARE NOT THE MEN WHO SUCCEED IN AFTER LIFE.—Vicar of Llandaff.

The P. and O. s.s. Nagpore, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 19th instant.

Mr. L. Tobias was amongst the passengers who arrived here from Shanghai by the P. and O. s.s. Kalyan this morning.

There will be a public lecture given at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday March 18th, at 5.30 p.m. "The Care of Children in the Tropics" by Dr. (Mrs.) Dovey. Mrs. Southern will take the Chair, Advt.

**THE "TELEGRAPH" ART
SUPPLEMENT.**

To-morrow's Interesting Pictures.

Numerous pictures of topical interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement.

Sporting events covered will include the yacht racing between teams representing Britain and Scandinavia, the South China v Navy football match, pony racing at Hong-kong and Canton, hockey and football at Shamshui, and the international golf contests at Canton. There will also be a group of the Royal Engineers' football team.

Other functions illustrated will be the Fancy Dress Ball in aid of the S.P.C.A., and the dinner by the Danish community to the Crown Prince and members of the Royal party accompanying him to the East.

Portraits of the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, of the Hongkong Bank, and of Mr. C. E. Holmes, Superintendent Engineer of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., who are going home on retirement to-morrow, will also appear.

Upsetting a bottle of petrol whilst melting some gold in a fire, Chang Sam-cho, aged 41, a goldsmith of No. 8, Lok Hing Lane, was yesterday severely burnt on the face, hands and chest. His injuries necessitated instant removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

On returning to the parade ground, before dismissing the Defence Corps, after the inspection last night, Colonel Bird addressed the officers and men, congratulating them on the improvement shown in their general form and reiterated the expression of opinion of the G.O.C. that there was every reason to feel satisfied with the turn-out.

In a case in which a Chinese was charged with not providing sufficient matting for one pig, which he had engaged two coolies to carry, Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon magistracy this morning, told the defendant that it was no use putting a bit of matting "for the look of the thing." There had to be sufficient to be of practical use. The defendant was fined \$7, it being stated that no injury had been done to the pig.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced.—Mr. William Robert Greenhalgh, No. 11, Carnarvon Building, Kowloon, to Miss Doris Diana Farrow, No. 107, The Peak; Mr. William John Holt, Naval Yard, Hongkong, to Miss Alison Marjorie Rosalie Jennings, Riccarton House, Christchurch, New Zealand; en route to Hongkong on board the s.s. Changte; Mr. F. X. da Silva Remedios, No. 2, Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon, to Miss Arminda de Servo Monteiro, No. 13, Nanking Road, Kowloon.

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Paris	124.25
Brussels	34.885
Amsterdam	12.125
Berlin	20.385
Copenhagen	18.165
Vienna	34.525
Helsingfors	193.4
Lisbon	108.80
Bucharest	8.18
Buenos Aires	4.15
Shanghai	1/10 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 1/2
New York	4.84 1/2
Geneva	25.185
Milan	92.78
Stockholm	18.11
Oslo	18.17
Prague	104.4
Madrid	99.75
Athens	111.76
Rio	1/6 1/2 1/2
Bombay	1/5 1/2 1/2
Hongkong	1/5 1/2
Silver (spot)	19.15
Silver (forward)	19.15 1/2

—British Wireless.

**H.M.S. PETERSFIELD
DANCE.****FAREWELL FUNCTION HELD
LAST NIGHT.**

H.M.S. Petersfield's farewell dance last night in the Helena May Institute was a huge success. The ballroom on the lower floor was gaily decorated, and a company of about 150 couples danced to the music supplied by the orchestra from H.M.S. Kent.

The Commander-in-Chief, China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Waite, K.C.B., accompanied by Flag Lieut. D. R. Evans, was present for a time. Much regret was felt by the absence, owing to slight indisposition, of Lady Waite. Others present included—Commander and Mrs. Baker, Lt. Comdr. Surtees, H.M.S. Petersfield, Lieut. Cobb, H.M.S. Petersfield, Engineer Lieut. Deaverell, and Lt. Comdr. Taylor.

During the interval, refreshments were served in luxurious style, tables being laid out for four and an abundance of cakes and other eatables were provided.

The Committee in whose hands the arrangements were are to be congratulated. It consisted of the following:—Pett Officer Williams, C. E. R. Wight, L/Seaman Robertson, L/Seaman Warner, Stoker Ackland. The duties of M.C. were most efficiently carried out by P. O. Williams.

H.M.S. Petersfield leaves the Colony on Sunday for Swatow, Foochow, and Shanghai. She will remain North until the present commission is relieved by men from H.M.S. Vindictive, about the end of April.

**SHAMEEN AMATEUR
THEATRICALS.****"THE RINGER" SHORTLY TO
BE PRODUCED.**

Shameen, Mar. 13.

The Canton Amateur Theatrical Society is once again in full rehearsal to produce on Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd March, another popular production. On this occasion they are making a completely new departure in producing one of Edgar Wallace's greatest thrillers, "The Ringer." In the past, they have always confined themselves to light comedy.

New blood is also being tried out in the cast in the persons of Mr. J. M. Walker, Mr. A. Baker Carr and Mr. Ewin; whilst Miss Gladys Lee who had only a very small part in the last production, "Lord Richard in the Pantry," is taking the feminine lead on this occasion. Many of Shameen's old favourites will appear again. Mr. G. M. D. Wolf, Mr. Wm. Gallo-way, Mr. W. Roland Farmer, Mr. H. G. Eales and Mr. J. H. Ferguson all of whom have scored such big successes in previous Shameen productions, will again be included in the cast for "The Ringer."

Shameen is looking forward with great interest to the production and the producers may be certain that they will get appreciative audiences.—Our Own Correspondent.

**FIREMAN IN A
FIGHT.****BOTH PARTIES HELD TO
BLAME.**

Claiming that he had been assaulted during a fight, among some unknown coolies in Woosung Street, a fireman of the Kowloon Fire Brigade appeared as the complainant against a ricksha coolie before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the coolie was charged with assault.

According to the complainant, he was walking along Woosung Street last night when he saw a number of coolies fighting. He went to see what the disturbance was about and was himself assaulted, his assailant being the defendant.

After hearing further evidence, His Worship intimated that he was satisfied that the complainant and the defendant had been involved in a fight, the fireman being as much to blame as the defendant.

Both parties were bound over to be of good behaviour.

On the appearance before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning of three butchers on charges of causing cruelty to 19 pigs, Sergeant Macnamara informed His Worship that the animals were being transported on a lorry, while a number of men were sitting on top of the crates, which had no matting and allowed the pigs' legs to protrude. The remainder of the men on the lorry managed to escape from the constable. The defendants were fined \$10 each.

The Very Idea!

Sandy had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and on his first day a burly warder arrived with a brush and a large bucket of water.

"That's to wash your cell," he said, and departed.

A few minutes later, hearing strange sounds, the warder returned, to find Sandy, robed in nature's garb, standing in the bucket, and shivering dolefully as he scrubbed himself with the brush.

"Here! What are you doing?" gasped the surprised warder.

"Well," chattered Sandy, "did ye no' tell me wash ma'ee!"

Circus Manager—"Well, what's wrong now?"

India-Rubber Man—"Every time the Strong Man writes a letter, he uses me to rub out the mistakes."

A French newspaper sadly grieves the way we British use abbreviations.

He may be right, 'tis sad to say. For everything is not O.K. Indeed it ought to vastly trouble you.

To call the Prince the P.O.W. And make you heave a shameful sigh.

To call our monarch, George R.I., And our Lord Provost (woe is me) Referred to lightly as L.P.

And yet, if we all comprehend Abbreviations, to what end Would writing out the letters be? Just think of F.R.C.P.E.

We must admit 'tis very nice This labour-saving pen device.

She (sotto voce)—"Georgie, dear, it's a burglar!"

He—"Sh-h, don't move, maybe he can get that window up; it's the one we haven't been able to open since the painters left."

A dear old lady entered a public phone box, dialled "0," and, in answer to the usual query, replied as follows:—

"I want you to put me through to the number I asked you for last Wednesday. I can't think what it is just now, but you'll remember we had a bit of bother about pressing button 'A.'"

21 YEARS AGO.**SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.**

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for week ended March 15th, 1909.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 8.13/16d.

The weddings took place of Mr. E. H. Terry and Miss M. A. McNaughton, and of Mr. M. C. Owen and Miss Phyllis Seth.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., was appointed to act as Attorney General during the absence of Mr. (now Sir) William Rees Davies, K.C.

The W. D. Committee considered the proposed new Peak Tramway via Glenelg. It urged either a route through the western section of the Botanical Gardens, or a tunnel underneath the Gardens emerging near the entrance to the Glenelg culvert.

WHO WAS....**FRANKENSTEIN.**

When Byron challenged Mrs. Shelley to write a ghost story, he little dreamed what a wild, barbaric tale she would evolve, a tale of horrors and gruesomeness.

Frankenstein, the hero of Mrs. Shelley's story, is a young student who gathered pieces of human bodies from graves and laboratories, and made of them a thing in human shape, which lived and moved, but lacked that which above all distinguishes man from the beasts—a soul. Needless to say, this monster was pitifully aware of its own difference from the rest of humanity. Meeting with aversion on every side, it craved for revenge on the author of its miserable being, killed the student's brother, friend, and sister.

Frankenstein himself eluded it for a time, but was ultimately murdered in horrible fashion by the monster.

Poor Frankenstein's fate is that of a man who uses his brain to construct some ingenious monstrosity that is contrary to nature, and which turns and rends its creator in punishment for his foolish pride.

LOCAL SHIPOWNER
SUMMONED.ANOTHER OVERLOADING CASE
AT MARINE COURT.

SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE.

Mr. T. G. Bennett appeared at the Marine Court this morning, before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., on behalf of Mr. Fung Che, the owner of the s.s. Cheung On, who was summoned for unlawfully allowing the vessel to be overloaded at 10.40 p.m. on March 10.

Mr. Bennett entered a plea of "Not Guilty."

Mr. T. B. Low, Boarding Officer of the Harbour Department, stated that he boarded the s.s. Cheung On on the night in question and examined her load-line. On finding that her load-line was submerged four inches in salt water, witness telephoned Mr. Cairns, also of the Harbour Department, and they together examined her load-line again.

The master and the mate were not on board at the time, but the owner, Mr. Fung Che, was there. Witness withheld the clearance of the Cheung On and examined her again at 1 a.m. The mate was then aboard and informed witness that the vessel was still overloaded, but she was still discharging cargo. At 1.30 a.m., the Plimsoll mark was above the water, and he then handed back the clearance to the owner.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bennett, witness said he saw the owner on board between 10 and 15 minutes after finding that the vessel was overloaded. Witness admitted that the owner had told him he had just called on board, after having come from a party at West Point.

Mr. Bennett, after cross-examining Mr. Low, said it would save time if corroborative evidence from another witness was dispensed with. He accepted the statement of the previous witness and, he informed his Worship, did not want to base his argument on what Mr. Low had just said.

The only fact that he wanted to dwell upon at all was that, if necessary, his client would go into the box and produce evidence to the effect that he went on board the Cheung On after the Boarding Officer, also that the offence had been committed before the arrival of Mr. Fung.

Mr. Bennett quoted several authorities on the question of overloading and submitted that no offence had been committed by Mr. Fung in law. It was unfortunate that Mr. Fung was on board the ship at the time the Boarding Officer went on the Cheung On, and Mr. Bennett pointed out, no attempt had been made by the prosecution to show that the owner had not done everything to prevent the ship being overloaded.

The summons was dismissed. Regarding the case of the master, who was also summoned on the same offence, his Worship was told that the defendant had left the ship at Shammei and the summons had not been served. His Worship adjourned the summons for one week.

BACK FOUR MONTHS
TOO SOON.BANISHEE TO SPEND TIME
IN PRISON.

With four months left to run, a Chinese female banishee appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of disobeying an order of deportation dated June 1925. The defendant was sentenced to undergo the unexpired term in prison.

The woman was arrested yesterday. She told the Police that she returned in the morning from the country. The defendant's husband, or the man who was keeping her, was also a banishee, but his time had expired. Both were deported under the Opium Ordinance.

The defendant was given four months' imprisonment.

NOT VERY PASSIVE.

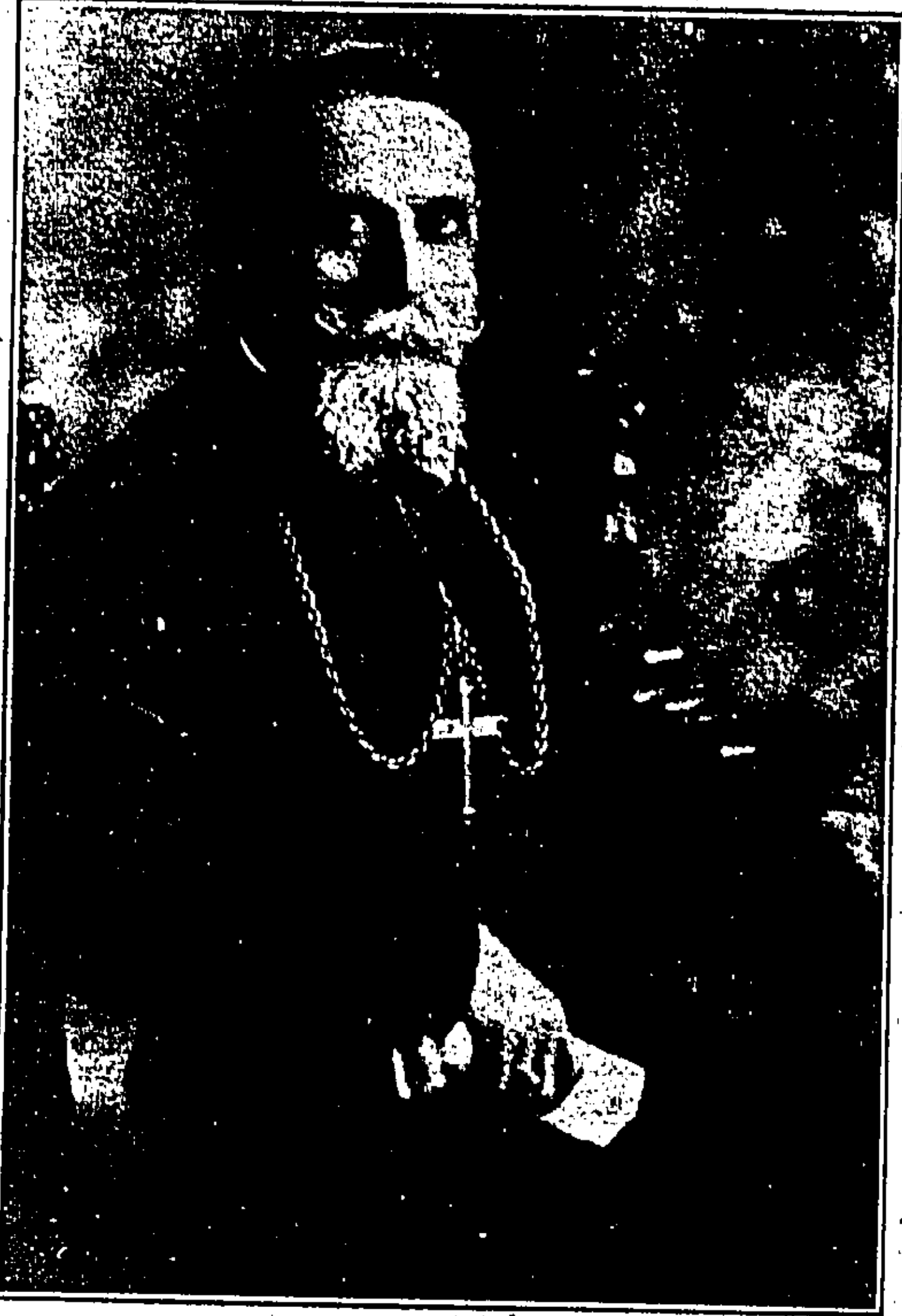
INDIAN RAILWAYMEN
FIGHT POLICE.

Bombay, Mar. 13. Two policemen and 50 strikers were injured in a fight in a shed at Byculla, where two hundred of the Great Indian Peninsular Railway employees are offering passive resistance, lying prostrate and obstructing loyal workers.

The police arrested two leaders on charges of unlawful assembly and trespass, and then dispersed the passive resisters with staves, whereupon the strikers are alleged to have stoned the police.

This led to a free fight.—*Reuters*.

MURDERED BISHOP.



Our picture shows the late Rev. A. Versiglia, Salesian Missionary, who was murdered with Father Caravario. The full story of the outrage has been made available to the *Telegraph* to-day.

MURDER OF BISHOP
VERSIGLIA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of the bandits had his headquarters. He appeared to be shaken out of his usual tranquillity by the news brought by his followers that they had done to death the two foreigners, and cursed them for bringing about a calamity which he seemed to dread as impending. After that, he was all gentleness to the Chinese captives, had them well-housed and treated and promised them their freedom at the first opportunity.

On March 1st, the promise was fulfilled. One of the band divested himself of all his arms, and set out as a guide for the women. Choosing a circuitous route, he saw, in the distance, smoke and fire rising, as the soldiers without compunction set fire to homesteads in a district irretrievably given over to banditry and other forms of lawlessness.

Bandit Guide Captured.

Again, for the sake of his life, the robber-guide was compelled to take refuge in a ramshackle hovel having the description of a pig-sty, to escape the attention of the soldiers as they passed by. It was unfortunate for him that some sudden inspiration should cause the searchers to make for the spot where he was lying in concealment, with his erstwhile captives placed near-by. Despite all protestations of having done a deserving deed by having brought the women safely through, he was seized. Now in custody of the authorities his end is probably not far off.

Meanwhile, Father Cavada was joined in the search by Father Larena who had been summoned by telegraph from the Salesian Mission headquarters at Shikwan.

The path taken by the captives through the bamboo groves was marked by occasional splashes of blood, with here and there still grimmer evidence of unparalleled ferocity, the robbers having hacked at their captives while dragging them along. Uttered suffering must have been endured by the captives before a merciful end came with bullets through their heads.

The spot where an attempt had been made to conceal the outrage was indicated by freshly turned earth, but the bodies were missing. Shouts of "Versiglia" and "Caravario" were sent echoing through the woods as the levoted Fathers from Shikwan pursued their search, still hopeful that they might meet with a glad response.

Bodies Found.

On the other side of the river, distantly placed from the village, from which the inhabitants had fled, stood a clump of bamboos. It stood almost at the river's edge, and—striking circumstance—it grew in barren sand. No natural agency could have caused its growth in such inhospitable soil.

The bamboos were found to have been planted overnight. Digging feverishly, the Fathers eventually uncovered the body of a man buried in an upright position. It was the mortal remains of Father Caravario.

The body of Bishop Versiglia was found, also in an upright

position, beside that of his companion.

The hands of both were tied to their backs. Both had been robbed of all valuables.

Mystery of Graves.

When the mystery of the two graves was investigated, the Fathers were told that the villagers, fearful of being compromised with such grim evidence on their land, had exhumed the bodies overnight and taken them across the river. The villagers covered the mound with bamboo plants transplanted from other soil to screen it from observation.

Court of Enquiry.

The bodies were brought back to Lin Kung Hau. Officials were shaken out of their lethargy, and evinced a desire to make what amends were possible at that stage. A military expedition was planned for dispatch against the bandits (whose identity appeared to be quite familiar to them), and a Court of Enquiry was set up at Yintak.

The Court sat until the early hours of the morning, sifting evidence and putting questions to the three women and two boys released.

Yesterday, March 13, the funerals of the late Bishop Versiglia and Father Caravario were to have taken place at Shikwan, whither have proceeded all the chief Catholic clergy of Hongkong, Canton and Macao.

In the Catholic hierarchy attending the funeral are Bishops Valterra, Nunes, Walsh and Fourquet, representing the Italian, Portuguese, American and French Missions respectively. The Spanish Mission is represented by the funeral by Father Noval, while Father Spada has come up from Hongkong. A special carriage was provided by the Canton authorities for the four Bishops and other ecclesiastics on the train journey from Canton to Shikwan.

YANGTZE PILOT
STRIKE.COMPANIES MAY CONCEDE
CHIEF DEMANDS.

News reaches the Colony this morning to the effect that there is likelihood of the strike of Upper Yangtze pilots being settled by the firms conceding the principal demands as regards payment.

It was reported on the 3rd instant that the pilots were on strike for higher wages, and that all the shipping companies excepting Chinese were holding out against the demands.

AUSTRALIAN COTTON
BOUNTIES.TO BE CONTINUED FOR
FURTHER PERIOD.

Sydney, Mar. 13. Mr. Scullin, the Premier, has announced his intention of continuing the cotton bounties for five years from August, when the present bounty expires.

The bounty varies in diminishing amounts from 1½d. to ½d. per lb., finally disappearing in 1936.—*Reuters*.

PLYMOUTH TAKE
THE LEAD.STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN
SECTION.

GOOD WIN IN LONDON.

London, Mar. 13.

By a sound victory at Shepherd's Bush to-day, Plymouth Argyle resume the headship of the Southern Division chart. Brentford are still in a position to offer a struggle for the championship, but the others are practically out of the running.

Two Southern matches were played to-day, resulting as follows:

Queen's Park R. 1 Plymouth 2
Northampton 3 Fulham 1

The amended league table follows:

	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Plymouth	29 19 8 2 65 23 46
Brentford	31 21 4 8 76 32 46
Brighton	30 17 7 6 70 39 41
Northampton	31 17 4 10 53 33 35
Southend	31 12 12 7 51 38 36
Bournemouth	30 12 12 9 50 38 36
Norwich	31 13 9 9 59 55 35
Crystal Pal.	32 13 8 11 61 61 34
Fulham	32 13 8 11 63 67 34
Coventry	29 15 3 11 65 48 33
Queen's P. R.	31 12 9 10 61 51 33
Exeter	32 11 8 13 55 60 30
Luton	31 10 8 13 45 57 25
Swindon	31 9 10 12 52 54 28
Clapton O.	31 8 12 11 32 44 28
Newport	30 9 8 13 52 57 28
Watford	32 9 7 16 39 66 26
Walsall	31 9 6 16 50 60 24
Torquay	31 7 8 16 48 69 22
Gillingham	32 7 6 19 34 67 20
Bristol R.	28 7 6 18 51 63 19
Merthyr	30 3 8 19 37 92 14

FENG AND YEN TO
RESIST.WAR IN NORTH CONSIDERED
INEVITABLE.

SHANSI OPPOSITION.

Nanking, Mar. 13.

The threat of war in the North is heightened consequent on reports that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has held an important conference with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang at Taiyuanfu, where the Shansi and Kuomintang Commanders decided to consolidate their positions in North-West China, resisting all attempt by Nanking to disband the Shansi forces.

As Marshal Chiang Kai-shek still intends to send an expedition into Chihai, war, between the Nationalists advancing along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the fleeing Shansi forces seems imminent.

The Shansi forces are concentrating at Shihchiachwang, where they are consolidating their position.

Important decisions were reached at the Taiyuanfu military conference on Tuesday evening, those present including Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and Marshal Yen Hsi-shan. The meeting unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Chao Tai-wan as successor to Marshal Yen Hsi-shan as Military Commander of the Third Nationalist Army Corps, another name for the Shansi force.

Although making no official statement of an intention to declare war against Nanking, the conference announced that Shansi forces would resist any attempts by Nanking to disband them.

General Han Fu-chu is withdrawing his forces along the Lung-Hai Railway for Northern Honan, permitting the Shansi troops to occupy the Railway. His action has caused considerable suspicion and his loyalty to Nanking is doubted.

MADMAN ATTACKS
WOMEN.STABS THEM WITH PAIR
OF SCISSORS.

A savage attack was made on two women by a Chinese, armed with a pair of scissors, yesterday, during which he stabbed them in the head. Fortunately their injuries are not regarded as serious, and they are at present in the Kowloon Hospital receiving attention.

The two women concerned are Lo Ho, a widow, aged 43, and Chan Ng, a married woman, aged 31, who both reside at 180, Temple Street, Yaumati. The man, Ho Lai-cheung suddenly attacked them without warning, but he was subsequently held under control, and later taken to the Kowloon Hospital for observation, as he is believed to be insane.

Professor R. Robertson, of the Faculty of Arts, at the Hongkong University last night delivered an interesting lecture on "Utopias, Ancient and Modern." He traced the ideal of an Utopian State as it was evolved through the changing social conditions of each successive century, from Plato's ideal Republic to the Utopias conceived by the colourful imagination of H. G. Wells.

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FAIR WEATHER.

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1924	\$53,003,731.	
1929	\$99,435,576.	
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1924	\$14,297,913.	
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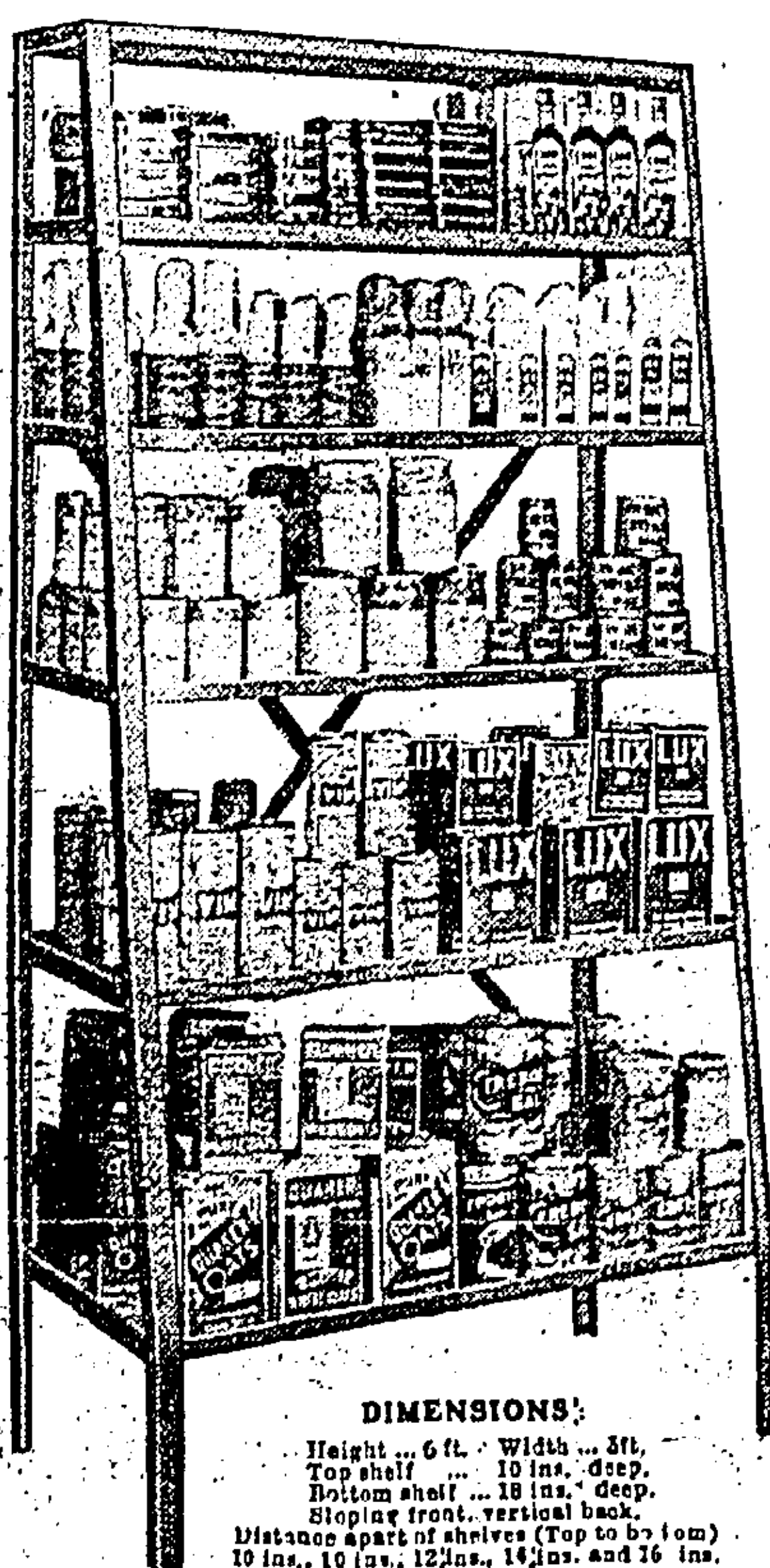
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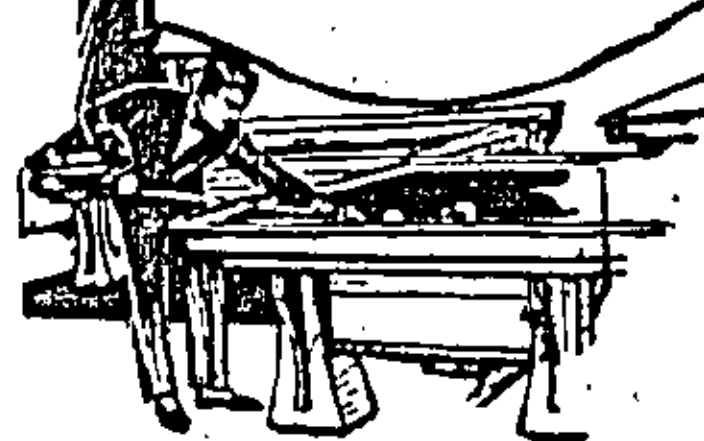
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LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

NAVY'S IMPORTANT GAME WITH KOWLOON.

SOUTH CHINA'S RISE.

(By "Wanderer.")

The Senior League programme for to-morrow is one offering little prospect of excitement, the Navy's meeting with Kowloon being possibly the most attractive on the card. The junior games are very similar, the fixture list being as follows:

Senior League.

Royal Navy v Kowloon.—Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.
Police v South China.—Stadium, 4.30 p.m.
Recreio v Somersets.—Recreio, 4.30 p.m.
H. K. F. C. v St. Joseph's.—St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.

Junior League.

S. China "B" v R. A. Res.—Chinese, 3 p.m.
S. China "A" v University.—Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.
R. A. M. C. v Kowloon.—Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.
St. Joseph's v Eastern.—St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.
Chinese "A" v Chinese "B".—Stadium, 3 p.m.

Navy's Prospects.

The Navy have a rival ambition to that of the Somersets, namely, equalling Kowloon's achievement of winning Shield and League in the same season. To-morrow's match, which may very well decide the Navy's fate in the league, will be of special interest, therefore, because the opposition is to be provided by Kowloon. Current form suggests a very even game, though Chubb's appearance at centre-forward for the visitors, will mean that Jarvis, McGregor and Jones will have to be on their best behaviour. The Navy badly needed a scoring forward on Wednesday, and a draw seems a very likely outcome.

South China and Police.

South China are not entirely out of the running for league championship honours, a run of success coincident with the dropping of points by teams ahead of them, having evened up matters to a considerable extent. They should experience little difficulty in taking full points from the Police.

The Somersets should make no mistake on the Recreio ground, while it would be a big surprise if the Club failed to account for St. Joseph's.

With the Juniors.

South China "A" and Chinese "A" are engaged in chasing up the K.O.S.B. for the junior championship, and both should secure 3-0 points to-morrow. Eastern are expected to account for St. Joseph's, and league form seems to indicate successes for Kowloon Reserves and the R. A. Reserves.

Probable Teams.

Kowloon: Angus (Sen.) Gillet, Pile (C.), Bliss, Downman, Simpson; Pile, McKelvie, Chubb, Cotton, Eastman.
Police: Clark; Howarth, Williams; Carruthers, Oran, Johnson; Cornwall, McGraavy, Fraser, Valentine, Bentley.
Kowloon Reserves: Angus (Jun.), Guest, Nicholls; Seddon, Easterbrook, Dunnett; Moore, Hawke, Moss, Dixon, Bickford. Reserve: King.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Phoenix, in a whole-day match against Dr. Ponsonby Fane's Educational XI, on Sunday 16th March, 1930 starting 11 a.m. sharp, at Pokfulam.
C. W. Lam (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, E. A. Lee, A. Baker, A. Chan, Fook, F. Hiptoola, A. B. Sullivan, A. A. Aziz, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gan and C. Candah. Reserve: Chan Fook Shin.
The following have been selected to represent the University XI in a League Match against the C.S.C.C. on Saturday, 15th March, at 2 p.m. on Home ground.
C. W. Lam (Capt.), S. V. Gittins, E. A. Lee, L. T. Ride, M. B. Osman, A. P. Gutierrez, D. K. Samy, D. J. N.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

RUMJAHN FINAL A POSSIBILITY.

Yesterday's matches competed the second round ties in the open singles and doubles tennis championships, and interest in the immediate future will be centred on the right of entry to the quarter semi-finals.

The position of the three Rumjahns in the singles tournament is rather interesting. H. D. Rumjahn will probably meet the present champion, M. W. Lo, in a top-half semi-final, whilst present indications are that S. A. and A. L. Rumjahn will be opposed for a place in the lower portion of the last four. Should this be so, there is a distinct chance of a Rumjahn final.

The most important results yesterday were the second round success of Kong Too-cheung and Ho Ka-lau against H. Wai-hing and Chiu Chun-chiu, and the defeat of J. Barrow by H. K. Lo in the second stage of the singles.

Kong and Ho enjoyed anything but an easy game, despite the fact that they won in straight sets. They were given a severe shaking in the opening exchanges, Ho Wai-hing and Chiu making a brave recovery after being five games in arrears. That they just failed to win the set after such an effort seemed to affect their subsequent play, although they were triers to the end.

H. K. Lo pleased his admirers with a display of "book" tennis, and without performing anything brilliant, won comfortably without being called upon to concede a set.

Progress was also made in the Handicap events, and supplied one or two surprise results.

Yesterday's results were:
Open Championship Singles. (Second round).—M. K. Lo beat J. Barrow, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Open Championship Doubles. (Second round).—Kong Too-cheung and Ho Ka-lau beat H. Wai-hing and Chiu Chun-chiu, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.
Handicap Singles "A".—J. Forster beat T. J. Price, 6-4, 7-5; Dr. L. T. Ride beat D. S. Green, 6-3, 12-10.
Handicap Singles "B".—A. O. Johnson beat G. E. B. Divett, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2; Dr. C. H. Burton beat A. E. White, 6-4, 6-1.

To-Day's Programme.

Open Championship Singles. (Third Round).—M. W. Lo v Ng Sze-cheung, S. A. Rumjahn v Cheng Chi-wing.

Club Championship. (Second round).—S. E. Green v J. A. Summers. Handicap Doubles. (First Round).—G. E. B. Divett and E. J. R. Mitchell (rec. 2/6) v I. S. Harris and A. Hay-Edie (rec. 3/6). Second Round.—J. Barrow and D. M. MacDougall (-3/6) v E. R. and T. J. Price (ser.)

Ladies' Shield.

In the annual Ladies' Shield between members of the Peak Club, the Ladies' Recreation Club and the United Services Recreation Club, the last named representatives won the shield for the present year, beating the Ladies' Recreation Club (the holders) by a margin of four games on the L.R.C. Courts.

The scores were:
Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Lambert (U.S.R.C.) beat Mrs. Sayer and Mrs. Prior (Peak Club) 9-2; beat Mrs. Newbigging and Mrs. Murphy (Peak Club) 10-1; beat Mrs. Etherington and Mrs. Stark (Ladies' R.C.) 7-4; beat Mrs. James and Mrs. Lissaman (Ladies' R.C.) 7-4.
Mrs. Ludlow and Mrs. Dook (U.S.R.C.) beat Mrs. Sayer and Mrs. Prior (Peak Club) 8-3; beat Mrs. Newbigging and Mrs. Murphy (Peak Club) 11-0; beat Mrs. Etherington and Mrs. Stark (Ladies' R.C.) 6-5; lost to Mrs. James and Mrs. Lissaman (Ladies' R.C.) 3-8.

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Totals: U.S.R.C. 61 games; Ladies' R.C. 57 games; Peak Club 14 games.

Anderson, A. Baker, A. B. Sullivan and W. H. Kwan.

Recreio v L.R.C.

The following will represent the Recreio in a friendly match against the Indian R.C. to-morrow afternoon at Sookunpoo. L. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Alves, H. A. Barros, H. M. Xavier, D. P. Xavier, G. A. Gutierrez, A. P. Pereira, W. Ogley, J. H. Figueiredo, F. J. Remedios and F. H. Carvalho.

K.C.C. Teams For Saturday.

1st XI v H.K.C.C. at Kowloon, friendly.—W. Brace (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, N. H. Ross, F. Zimmern, A. T. Lee, W. C. Hung, D. Liang, J. C. Lyl, S. Jex. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, A. Hyde-Lay.
2nd XI v H.K.C.C. League.—B. Fetheram (Capt.), G. Lee, H. Overy, N. A. E. Mackay, P. S. W. Smith, A. R. Raven, G. A. V. Hall, J. J. Hirst, O. B. Raven, A. J. Kow, D. W. Gregory. Umpire, A. W. Bliss.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 11/30.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., C.B.E., Rifle League.

The Corps have entered a team in the Hongkong rifle league, and a meeting will be held at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday next 18th. instant. Agenda:—To choose a team to represent the Corps in the league. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Machine Gun Course. O. C. Coys. are reminded that Part I M. Gun Course should be fired on Kennedy Road Range during the early part of the year.

Musketry. The Machine Gun Company will fire Table T rifle Parts I & II at Stonecutters on Sunday, 16th. March. Range Officer Lieut. H. Owen Hughes. Dress: Musketry order, uniform, or mufti. Launch will leave Hongkong at 9 a.m. at Queen's Pier and call at Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Corps Band. Parade at 5.30 p.m. in mufti at Headquarters for Band Practice on Tuesday, 18th. March.

Corps Signals. All N. C. O's are requested to attend a meeting at the company office on Thursday, March 20th, at 5.30 p.m.

Machine Gun Troop. Parade on Thursday, 20th. March at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction.

Armoured Car Company. During the absence of Lieutenant R. K. Valentine the duties of O. C. Armoured Car Company will be carried out by Lieutenant H. G. Williams.

Machine Gun Company. Parade at 5.30 p.m. in mufti at Headquarters on Tuesday, 18th. March for Machine Gun Training—recruits in miniature range for musketry.

Scottish Company. Parades Thursday, 20th. March, 1930 for Machine Gun instruction. No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon. Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

The Company will fire Musketry Parts I & II at Stonecutters on Sunday, 23rd. March, 1930. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon 9.10 a.m. Range Officer Captain H. R. Forsyth.

Portuguese Company. Parades. There will be no Parade on Friday, March 14th, 1930. The next Parade will be at Headquarters on Friday, March 21st, at 5.30 p.m. for Company Training. It is very essential that all recruits attend this Parade.

Marksman. The following has qualified as marksman and is entitled to wear the badge for one year: No. 1300. Pte. R.J.D.C. Grieve, Machine Gun Troop, 104 points.

Struck Off. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation by Lieutenant Henry Charles Macnamara of his Commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 25th. February, 1930, published in Government Gazette of 7.3.30. Notification No. 131.

Leave. Lieut. R. K. Valentine, Armoured Car Company from 5.30 to 5.12.30. R. C. STRACHEY, CAPTAIN, ACTING ADJUTANT, H.K.V.D. CORPS.

CHAUFFEUR EXPLAINS ABSENCE.

WENT INTO THE WRONG COURT.

The benefit of the doubt was given a Chinese driver of a public motor car by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when, in reply to the Magistrate's query as to why he did not appear to answer a summons last week, the defendant pleaded that he was at the Magistracy, but attended the small Court by mistake.

The Magistrate asked Inspector Alexander if he knew if that was right, and the Inspector replied that he could not say.

Mr. Lindsell:—I will give you the benefit of the doubt, as you are summoned for a purely technical offence.

The defendant was charged with failing to deposit his licence with the Traffic Department when leaving the Colony.

By kind permission of the Kowloon Golf Club, Kowloon C. C. members will compete for the Mead Shield over the Kowloon City course on Sunday. The Mead Shield was regularly played for during the old King's Park days, but since the golf course there was done away with, the competition has fallen through. It is good to see that an effort is now being made to revive it.

The competition is over 36 holes, medal play. The draw for starting times is as under:

9.30, L. Jeeves v G. B. Labrum.
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9.40, A. E. Silkestone v C. J. Jeeves.
9.45, A. W. E. Davidson v J. Mac-Kintosh.
9.50, L. Jack v H. T. Buxton.
9.55, S. J. Jordan v A. W. Brown.
10.00, W. Hyde v J. Jones.
10.05, A. W. Muir v A. L. G. Eastman.
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10.30, V. C. Labrum v A. O. Brown.
10.35, W. Brace v L. Elford.
10.40, A. Loughton v James Smith.
10.45, H. Overy v C. Bond.

The Innocent Cheat

A Real Drama

THIS HAS HAPPENED.

Helen Page feels indebted to and in love with her guardian, Leonard Brent who changes his plans for her future after meeting a young lawyer named Helen. At 11, he presents the girl to a millionaire, Cyril Cunningham, as his heiress and offers proof which she kindly did not accept without question as he has been searching for his dead daughter's child for years.

Among Helen's new friends are Eva Ennis and her brother Robert. Brent finds another lock like the one he had taken from Nellie to prove Helen the heiress and plots to get Cunningham out of the way quickly. He ably administers a shock which proves fatal and the servant find the old man dead in bed. Then he wins Helen's promise to marry him. Later she and Bob realize they love each other, but she tells him she is engaged. She tries to get Brent to release her, but he refuses and makes dire threats if she dares to marry Bob.

Among Helen's treatment of her brother, which has driven him to fleeing with Shillmar Morris. She sends Bob, and he tells her Helen is engaged to Brent. She collapses after admitting that Brent has been making love to her. Bob goes to expose Brent to her, but she tells him to come from his mother. They rush over just in time to prevent Eva from taking poison in a fit of hysteria.

CHAPTER XII

Helen went up the stairs on reluctant feet. She dreaded this talk with Eva, for there was nothing she could say to her that would carry hope to the unhappy girl.

Brent was a scoundrel—that was all there was to the matter. But Helen knew that love cannot be torn out of the heart by the roots. It must die a lingering death when it perishes.

She found Eva quiet, lying with a dampened towel on her forehead. The odour of witchhazel came faintly to Helen's nostrils as she leaned over the bed and took one of Eva's hands.

"Sit down—here," Eva said and moved to make room for Helen beside her.

"How do you feel?" Helen asked. Eva closed her eyes and shook her head. "Poor mother," she whispered. Then, louder: "Oh Helen, how awful it was for her! I didn't know what I was doing. In here with... with that stuff and mother pleading outside my door. I don't know how I could have done such a thing."

"Thank God you didn't really do it, dear," Helen said. Eva's eyes flashed open and Helen drew back from sight of the misery in their depths.

"But I want to die! I don't want to live!" Eva cried.

"None of us do, at times," Helen answered, speaking very gently; "but we don't quit when we think of those who will suffer for our act. You see, Eva darling, what it would mean to your mother—and Bob—if you gave way to your despair."

"Yes, I know, I know," Eva moaned; "but what am I to do?"

"You don't think any man is worth the heartbreak of your entire family, do you?" Helen pressed.

"No, no, they're too good. They've always been too good to me."

"Then show them now that you appreciate their love. Try to forget Leonard Brent. He's no more worth your thought than a... than a viper, Eva."

Eva looked at her despairingly. "That has never mattered very much to women, has it?" she asked. "I love him, and I can't believe that he didn't care at all for me. Oh, I know I can't have him," she wailed abruptly; "but don't tell me that it's all because he is a liar and a cheat. There must be some other reason."

Helen's cheeks flushed uncomfortably as she answered that there might be another girl.

Eva's expression grew accusing though she did not mean it to. "Was it you?" she asked, and then added quickly: "Bob thought it was."

Helen hesitated a long moment before answering. Eva's evidence of painful suspense brought the truth from her at last.

"Yes," she admitted, "I was engaged to him, Eva. But he did not love me. He can't love anyone. He isn't capable of it. He's the most selfish—"

"Then it was your money?" Eva interrupted.

Helen regarded her in complete surprise. Strangely, she thought, this had never occurred to her. Her money! Of course!

"I think so," she cried. "He would be just that vile."

"Perhaps," Eva said, "he needs a great deal of money, Helen."

She had found this explanation of his conduct less difficult to bear than the thought that he cared more for another girl than he did for her. And her complete obsession with her passion for Brent was driving her to his defence.

"Don't be a fool," Helen retorted a bit impatiently. "He has enough money. Only greed could make him want to marry for more—greed and a heart like a block of ice."

"You seem to hate him," Eva remarked, and the thought at the back of her mind was that Helen too must have suffered through Brent.

"Not on my own account," Helen hastened to assure her, sensing, perhaps, what Eva was thinking. "But I shall always hate him for what he has done to you, Eva."

"Then you do not love him?" Eva's voice was filled with profound relief.

Helen said no in unmistakably negative accents. Eva grasped her hands and murmured an expression of thankfulness.

"Can't we talk about something else?" Helen urged. "Wouldn't you like to hear about Bob and me, Eva?"

She had not intended to bring her newly recovered happiness to Helen's attention at this time, but suddenly she was sickened of speaking of Brent. She wanted to brush him aside, put him out of her own life and Eva's too.

"Have you made up?" Eva asked, heartening a little over the possibility of happiness coming to her dearly beloved brother.

"Made up?" Helen echoed. "We've made up so tight that nothing can come between us again."

"I'm glad," Eva said simply.

Helen leaned over and kissed her, drawn by the wistful smile that hovered on her quivering lips.

"You must let yourself be happy too, dear," she said. "Think of your music now, and some day a real love will come to you. That sounds like empty comfort, I know, but it's true if only you can believe it."

"I must see Leonard again," Eva shocked her by declaring.

"Oh no!"

"I must."

Helen sat stiffly upright. "Why?" she demanded, but Eva had no answer that she cared, or dared, to give.

"To tell him you're through with him?" Helen suggested hopefully. Still Eva did not answer. Helen was seized with a thought that stirred her to sharp utterance.

"Surely you are not going to throw yourself at him?" she cried. "Why, Eva dear, don't you realize that if he'd wanted you—"

"You... there was you," Eva said very low.

"Eva, please," Helen begged. "Don't you see, dear, that if it isn't me it will be someone else who can bring him what he wants?"

"He loves me, I know he loves me," Eva cried wildly. "He couldn't have lied so terribly to me."

Helen lost a great deal of her patience. "Now see here," she exclaimed, "you aren't going to have anything more to do with Leonard Brent. Bob will kill him. He has made a fool of you, Eva, but that was because you are sweet and good. He couldn't have done it to a harder-hearted girl. That's the bitterness of it. If you'd been thinking only of yourself you couldn't have become interested in a man like Leonard—you'd have judged him by yourself. As it is, you see good in even the worst people. That may be because you are so clever, so talented, dear, that you can't recognize evil—perhaps it is genius. But, oh, Eva, please, whatever it is, Bob and I are going to help you now."

"I must see him," Eva persisted. "No," Helen protested. "Let me see him for you. I will tell him whatever you wish me to say. Bob will be furious if you go to him."

Eva remained set in her determination. "Don't tell Bob," she pleaded. "It would only cause trouble, and I'm going to see Leonard whatever happens. I must give him a chance to explain."

"Eva," Helen said soberly, "why must you be like this? You were ready to give up your life—wasn't it because you knew Brent has deceived you? Nothing has changed that. What can you hope for now?"

Eva sat up higher on her pillows. "I will tell you," she conceded. "I couldn't bear the thought that he was going to marry you, Helen. I knew I should hate you, in spite of all that you have done for me. I didn't want to live, hating you and without Leonard's love."

"Oh my dear," Helen buried her face in her hands, but she could not hold back her sobs.

"If I see him, and tell him that I know about his engagement to you and that you are really going to marry Bob," Eva said breathlessly, "he may... he may..."

Helen lifted her head. The expression of her eyes stopped Eva from further words.

"Would you marry him after all this?" she asked scornfully.

Eva turned away. A wave of helplessness swept over Helen. "I'm afraid," she said, "that you must find out for yourself how contemptible, how despicable, Leonard is."

She got up to go. Eva did not attempt to detain her. "Please send mama to me," she said and Helen nodded in silent assent.

Back with Bob she was profoundly affected by the strain of knowing that Eva might yet bring serious trouble upon herself and them.

"I'm tired," she said when Mrs. Ennis had gone upstairs. "Do you mind letting me go now, Bob? Eva doesn't need me, and I've something to do at home."

"My darling, I'll always mind letting you go," Bob smiled at her.

OBITUARY.

THE "FATHER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS."

London, Mar. 13. The death has occurred of the Earl of Coventry, the "Father of the House of Lords," and one of the most famous sportsmen in England.—*Reuter*.

[George William Coventry, the ninth Earl of Coventry (a title created in 1697) was born in London in May, 1833, and thus was the oldest Peer of the Realm of present times. He succeeded his grandfather in the title in 1843. He was educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford. He was a keen cricketer in his younger days, and retained his membership of the Worcestershire C.C. He had been Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire since 1891; was twice Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms; and was Master of the Buckhounds 1886-1892 and 1895-1900. He owned many historical pictures at his seat, Croome Court. His heir is Viscount Deerhurst.]

"But I'll have to leave too. I'm no playboy, you know."

His eyes had ceased to smile with his lips. Helen knew by their seriousness that he meant to convey the thought to her that he would not depend upon her money for a living.

She lifted her lips for his kiss, thankful that he did not make an issue of that point at this particular moment. She wanted to forget herself and him and think only of Eva—to try to find a way to help her.

She drove back home alone, and on the way she reached a decision in regard to Leonard Brent. If everything else failed and she could not induce Eva to go away—to Italy to study, or to travel for a while wherever her fancy took her—she would buy Brent off.

Her lips curled in disdain as she rejected the thought that he might prefer Eva to money.

At home she went straight to the telephone and called his apartment. His Japanese servant answered and she said, peremptorily, that she must speak to Mr. Brent.

He did not keep her waiting long. "I want to see you about something very important," she said. "At once. Will you come up to Bramblewood?"

As soon as possible, Brent assured her, and hung up.

"Well," he mused as he dressed. "I think we've come to the show-down."

(To be Continued.)

CINEMA NOTES.

DOROTHY JORDAN IN NEW FILM.

During the last four years life has been one continuous surprise. Dorothy Jordan, feature, singer and dancer in "Words and Music," sensational musical revue brought to the audible screen by Fox Movietone and now on view at the Queen's Theatre.

A shy little miss from down south, Miss Jordan entered a New York dramatic school. None of her people ever had been on the stage, but she had the great urge to express herself that way—or at least she thought she had. Shortly after entering school Dorothy accompanied a friend to a big Broadway picture house. The friend was a dancer seeking a place in the theatre's ballet.

Surprise No. 1.—The ballet master not only engaged the girl friend, but insisted on giving Dorothy a job. She never had danced a stage step in her life, but soon learned. The engagement ended, she re-entered dramatic school, but again Fate in the form of her girl friend intervened and persuaded her to go with her to see the stage director of "Garwick Galeties."

Surprise No. 2.—The director insisted on hiring Dorothy, although she didn't ask for a job. He kept her for three seasons. She liked dancing and so was easily persuaded to abandon dramatic ambitions and dance in "Twinkle, Twinkle," another musical comedy.

Surprise No. 3.—It was discovered that the beautiful little dancer from Tennessee had a voice, so she was given a part in "Funny Face." By this time she was beginning to attract attention on Broadway, and she was given a featured part in "Treasure Girl," big musical comedy starring Gertrude Lawrence.

Surprise No. 4.—While in "Treasure Girl" she registered perfectly as a Fox Movietone performer in a test and was given a contract to appear in "Words and Music."

All in all, Miss Jordan seems to have had a fair share of surprises for a girl just twenty.

"Dynamite" Coming. "Picture shows have saved more lives than the hospitals," is the comment made by Cecil B. De Mille, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer producer-director about the statement of Dr. F. P. Millard of Toronto, Canada, that "more suicides occur at office desks than at any other place—slow suicides by business men who refuse to indulge in hobbies or take proper exercise."

"I heartily concur with Dr. Millard," said De Mille. "But I would add the further thought that the percentage of such 'slow suicides' has decreased since the advent of pictures. The cinema has provided an outlet for the nervous tension of thousands of business men who won't play and who require the gentle and amusing coercion of a 'show' to let them down."

It seems a big statement to claim life-saving powers for a strip of celluloid, but I stand on the assertion that the film is the most valuable means to reduce nerve tension that has arisen since the world speeded up to its present hectic pace. Dr. Millard does not mentioned the screen in his statement and I call his attention to this lack. Exercise is splendid and hobbies are fine—out motion pictures steer more men and woman away from mental stagnation and nervous upset than either one of the two agencies mentioned."

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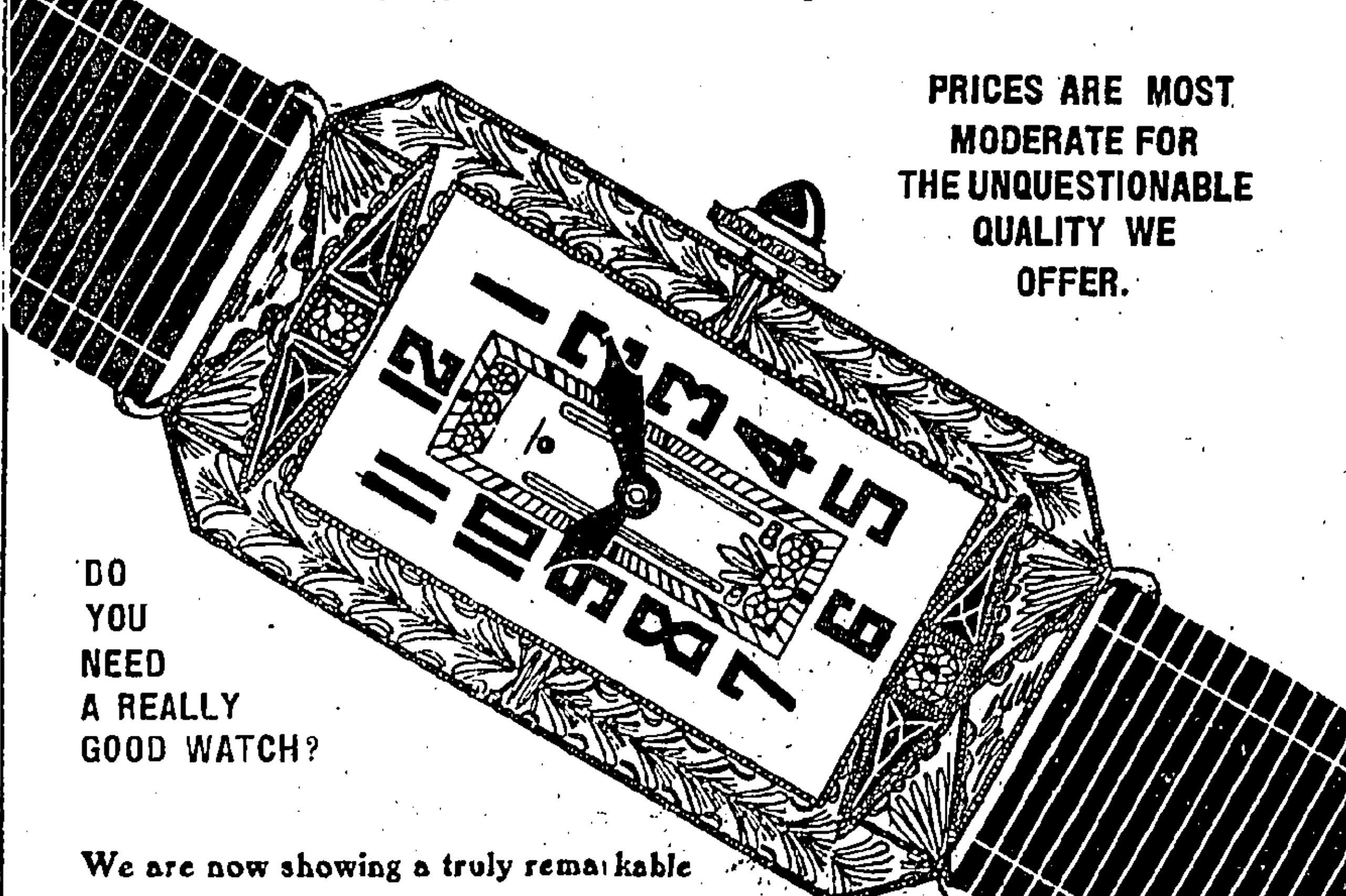
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GOVERNMENT URGED TO BUY MATERIALS LOCALLY.

INCREASE IN COST.

At the conclusion of the business of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes referred to the question of exchange as it affected contracts entered into with the Crown Agents and urged that it would be cheaper to buy materials locally.

The meeting was presided over by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.).

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said:—Having closed the agenda, I think it would not be out of place if I were to enquire whether the Government should not consider the advisability, before placing orders with the Crown agents, to enquire in the Colony whether materials required may not be obtained locally. There is, at present in this Colony, considerable stock of materials used by Government which have been bought at rates of exchange very much more favourable than the rates of today. I submit that before sending orders the departments concerned should first make sure that certain materials required are not obtainable locally. The Government, naturally, is forced to spend a good deal of money, but with the enormous increase in cost I think it is certainly the duty of the Government to do all they can to keep special expenses as low as possible. I refer for the moment to the item regarding piers at Shamsuipo. You referred to the cost of materials at Home, and I take it that part of that material consists of re-enforcement bars and rails.

The Director of Public Works:—A good deal of machinery is required for raising and lowering the platform.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—Notwithstanding that, there is, I am sure, in cases of that kind, considerable stock of re-enforcement bars in the Colony which could be bought at a favourable exchange, and as far as I can see there is no reason why we should not buy them. If there is a standing rule with regard to purchasing through the Crown agents, I suggest it should be suspended in view of the present extraordinary situation.

Discretion Allowed.

The Chairman:—There is a standing rule. A certain amount of discretion is allowed.

The Colonial Treasurer:—We do make local contracts here, but I believe that the Crown Agents can get materials very much cheaper.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—It stands to reason that at the present time, no matter how careful the Crown Agents may be, that they cannot possibly compete at an exchange of 1/10d. with an exchange of 1/10d. The chances are that bars were ordered last September and October when exchange was about 1/10d. and 1/11d., and surely they are much cheaper than the Crown Agents can supply.

The Colonial Treasurer:—Can you give us a list of such things that are going? I have worked it out, and I find that in most cases it is much cheaper to get the materials from the Crown Agents.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—I think it largely depends on the way in which the Government approaches the market here. If the Government say "we want 50 tons of bars and 500 lengths of pipe" of course dealers at once take advantage of the situation and try and get as much as they can out of it. There is a way of doing these things whereby you can get the proper market price.

The Colonial Treasurer:—In this particular case the girders have to be specially cut to length and some of them are rolled.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—I was only taking that as an illustration.

Orders to be Given.

The Colonial Treasurer:—I have gone into the question of cost very carefully and very often, and if I felt we could really get things lower here I should be only too glad to do so provided that the material is of British manufacture.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—It stands to reason that at the present time merchants in the Colony ought to be able to supply from fifteen to twenty per cent. cheaper, to put it at a conservative estimate.

The Chairman:—There is discretion.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—I shall be perfectly satisfied if orders are given to the various spending departments that wherever it is possible to obtain supplies locally, this should be done provided the cost is favourable and less than at the rate of exchange.

The Colonial Treasurer:—We invariably find that the Crown Agents will supply cheaper. I have no objection to securing materials locally provided that the price is all right and that they are of British manufacture.

The Chairman:—Will that satisfy you, Mr. Owen Hughes?

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes:—That is all I ask for.

The Colonial Treasurer:—I will make that order in my department and the Director of Public Works will do the same.

Exchange not Fixed.

The committee was asked to approve expenditure of \$46,000 and \$50,000 for completing work at the Shamsuipo ferry pier and Mongkoktsui ferry pier respectively.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:—With reference to these two items, I notice we have to pay more because of the unfavourable rate of exchange. Does the Government never fix exchange beforehand? What is the rule?

Hon. Colonial Treasurer:—We have found it does not pay us to do so.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—It would have paid the Government to do so last September or November.

Hon. Colonial Treasurer:—We tried to fix the rate of exchange once and the Government lost a good deal of money on it.

The Chairman:—It has never been the practice to fix the exchange.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—If there is a reasonable expectation

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The Chairman:—Do you recommend that the Government fix the rate of exchange?

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—I say they should not go by any hard and fast rule, but circumstances prevailing at the moment. The Government is in a position to get a certain amount of expert advice.

The Chairman:—Your advice will be remembered. Meanwhile, I take it that you pass this particular vote?

Advantage in Fixing a Rate.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton:—Do you never, when you enter into a contract with the Crown agents, fix your exchange until the goods arrive?

Hon. Colonial Treasurer:—No, I don't think so.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—I can see the difficulty and objection to fixing the rates for the coming year, but when you have actually entered into an obligation, which becomes a commitment, it seems to me there might be an advantage in fixing a rate because you then know what you have to pay.

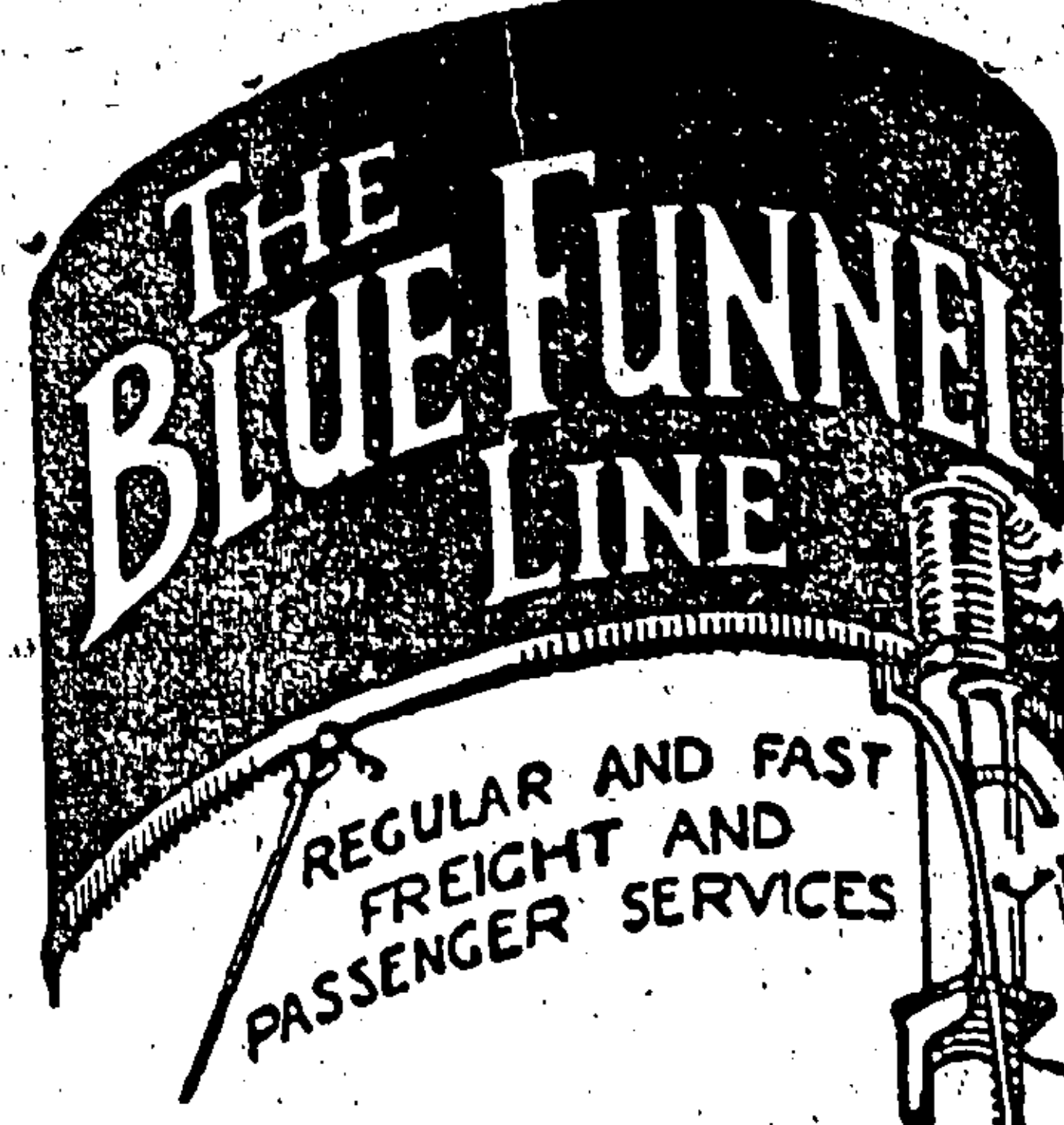
Hon. Colonial Treasurer:—We remit a lot of money Home and this is paid for from the money sent Home. Very often we get very favourable rates in sending money Home. It might appear in our accounts as quite another thing.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Do you ever fix the rates ahead in regard to Government servants' salaries?

Hon. Colonial Treasurer:—No, we should have lost heavily if we did.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Take, for instance, the water scheme. When you actually ordered the materials from Home, would it be an advantage to fix your exchange then or wait until the goods arrived?

Hon. Colonial Treasurer:—Oh no. We have plenty of money at Home. The vote was approved.



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His Excellency decorated the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal. In doing so he said that Dr. Wellington had served for 20 years, seeing service in the Malay States, for which he was to be congratulated. His Excellency added he hoped there were many of those parading who would earn a similar honour.

The Volunteers first assembled at Headquarters, after which they marched down Garden Road to Murray Parade ground, headed by the band. On arrival they lined up in long double files, facing the football stand. At six o'clock His Excellency arrived, accompanied by Lieut. J. B. Glegg, A.D.C., Col. W. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O., and Lieut. Col. W. F. Hanna, M. C. On his arrival the Volunteers presented arms, after which he inspected them.

G.O.C.'s Congratulations.

Following this, His Excellency took the salute, the Volunteers marching past in double files. They then formed a hollow square from the centre of which His Excellency delivered the following address.

Colonel Bird, and officers.—I wish to express my complete satisfaction at the turn-out of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force, which is parading under your Command for my inspection to-day. As you know, I have seen a good deal of your men during the last year, and I have no hesitation in stating that the life in camp and the training which has been carried out comes up to the standard of any Territorial Unit in the United Kingdom, and I consider that you, Colonel Bird and the Officers of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, deserve full credit for this. It is also a source of satisfaction to me that the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force has taken part side by side, with the regular army in the combined naval and military operations which have been carried out under active service conditions on two occasions, and it is no mean achievement for a considerable number of the Portuguese company to have done a full day's manœuvring on the Kowloon Ridges, which was severe enough to test the endurance of fully trained regulars.

I would like now to express my thanks to all ranks on parade to-day, naturally including the very excellent band, most of whom are very busy men and have to earn their living, for the keenness and sense of duty, which has been sufficient to cause them to devote their spare time to making themselves efficient as volunteers.

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The fault lies in the lack of keenness and inertia on the part of the younger members of the British Colony, whose sense of public duty is evidently not sufficient to make them sacrifice their golf, tennis or bathing for a few evenings and week-ends in camp as volunteers, which incidentally would do them all the good in the world.

I myself can think of several young men serving in the Colonial Government, or holding good positions in some of the big businesses of Hongkong, who could produce no excuse which would satisfy me, for the fact that they have not already come forward and joined the volunteers.

If they do not do so and set the example how can we expect those holding more subordinate positions to join up?

They have a variety of arms to choose from. If they do not like the idea of drilling as privates in an infantry company, they can at least ride about as troopers in the mounted infantry or join the motor machine gun company or armoured car section.

There is no excuse for a young man of, say, under 30, not joining up; he cannot plead war weariness, since he is scarcely old enough to remember much about the war, let alone to have taken part in it.

Appeal to Scots.

I would like to conclude by making one final appeal to-day to the Scotsmen of the Colony. I am a Scotsman myself. I have served for about 20 years in a Highland Regiment. We, as Scotsmen, have always prided ourselves on our martial spirit. There was a time I believe when the Scottish company was 130 strong as apart from about 50 whom we see on parade to-day. Is there no means of inducing the young Scotsmen of the Colony to get a move on and bring the Scottish company more or less up to strength before the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders arrive in Hongkong about the middle of April? In this respect I would like also to appeal to men of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who recently left the army and who have now good jobs in civil life. I ask them to come forward and lead the way. I cannot see why there should not be a K.O.S.B. platoon in the volunteers.

I will end my address by making a special reference to you, Colonel Bird, who in spite of being a very busy man and having attained an age at which you are fully entitled to have a rest, yet continue to render loyal service to the Colonial Government and also to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, in a way which should form an inspiration to the young men of the Colony, to come forward and do likewise.

Following the address, the Volunteers re-formed their ranks and returned to Headquarters, where they were dismissed.

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PIRACY ECHO.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS
GRATUITIES.

An echo of the recent Haiching piracy was forthcoming at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon when the Colonial Secretary, (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.), asked the members to approve certain gratuities which it was proposed to make to officers, guards, and the wireless operator of the Haiching and a junk master.

He said:—I am directed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to ask the Committee to approve certain gratuities I will detail in connexion with the Haiching piracy. The payments recommended are based on the interpretation of certain Government notifications, which, I think, you have all seen. The first notice was in the event of death in case of piracy, two years' pay would be credited to the estate of the deceased and in case of disablement certain other payments. That notice was cancelled by a further notification which said the cancellation was a necessary consequence of alterations in the piracy regulations, but that the Government remained ready to consider and suitably to recognise meritorious service on the part of any person in the face of piratical attacks. The list of gratuities is as follows:

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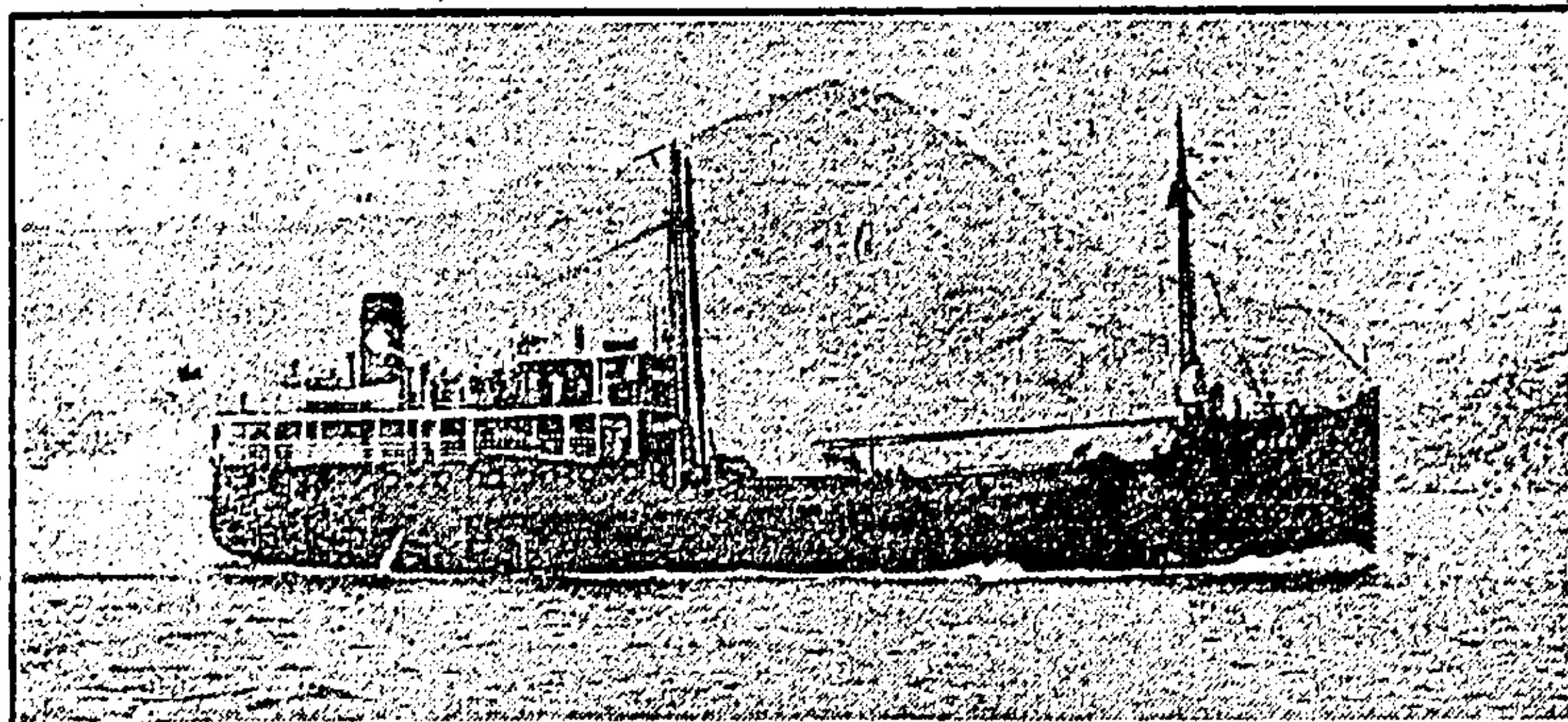
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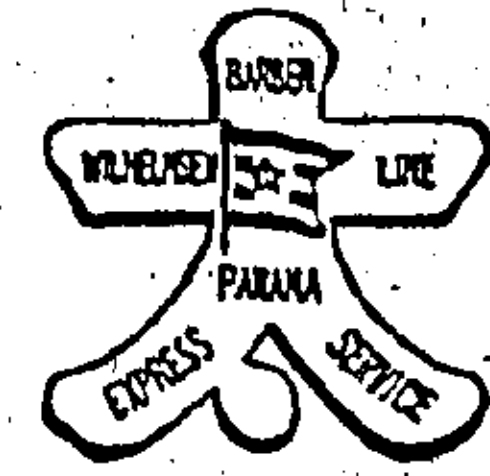
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PHILIP SNOWDEN HITS BACK.

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In regard to the complaint that he refused to declare the Govern-
ment's intentions regarding the
safeguarding and McKenna duties,
Mr. Snowden pointed out that on
the first day that the Government
met Parliament, the Premier
stated that no further applications
for safeguarding would be con-
sidered, that the existing duties
would expire at the appointed
date, and that the future policy
would be declared at the right time.

Pertinent Questions:

In regard to the demand made
in the motion for an extension of
safeguarding, Mr. Snowden said
there were two questions which
had been put to Protectionists
tens of thousands of times, and no
answer had ever been given.

The first was: If Protection
would cure unemployment in En-
gland why had it not cured unem-
ployment in highly protected
countries?

The second question was: If
protection was a good thing for
the workers, why were the wages
in highly protected countries only
half the wages here?

When the Conservatives had
answered these questions he would
continue to discuss the subject but
not till then.

Not for Fifty Censures!

The main purpose of the motion
was to condemn him because of his
reticence regarding these duties.
He would make no statement be-
yond what he had already said.

There was nothing ambiguous
regarding the Government's inten-
tions.

The Budget policy would be de-
clared at the right time and not
before, even for fifty votes of
censure.

Liberal Support.

Sir Herbert Samuel (Liberal)
said his party unhesitatingly sup-
ported the Government on the ex-
isting motion.

It was somewhat surprising that
the Opposition Front Bench should
have introduced a motion inviting
the Chancellor of the Exchequer
to take the almost unprecedented
course of declaring in advance
what duties he intended to pro-
pose.

It was true that uncertainty was
affecting business, but it was a
natural sequel to the bringing of
this question of tariffs on to the
floor of the House of Commons.

The Liberal Party were Free
Traders because they were con-
vinced that that policy was best
for the country in the present
circumstances of the world.—
British Wireless and Reuter.

A NEW PLANET DISCOVERED.

LARGER IN DIAMETER THAN
THE EARTH.

Cambridge (Mass.), Mar. 13.
Professor Harlow Shapley, Di-
rector of Harvard University Ob-
servatory, has announced that the
Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff,
Arizona, has discovered a new
planet, which is situated beyond
Neptune.

The new planet is larger than
the earth, but smaller than Uranus.
—*Reuter's American Service.*

[The mean diameter of the earth
is 7,918 miles and that of Uranus
31,300 miles.]

THE ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE.

U.S. CONTRACT CALLS FOR
TWO HUGE BOATS.

Washington, Mar. 13.

The Postmaster General has
awarded the contract for carrying
this mail from New York to Southamp-
ton to the United States, Inc.

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struction of two vessels costing at
least \$30,000,000, and equal in
size and speed to any vessel at
present operating on the trans-
Atlantic service.—*Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.*

HINDENBURG SIGNS YOUNG PLAN.

WITH HEAVY BUT STAUNCH
HEART.

Berlin, Mar. 13.

President Hindenburg has signed
the Young Plan Bill, "with a
heavy but staunch heart."

He is convinced that, despite its
heavy burdens, it is an improve-
ment on the Dawes Plan and signi-
fies political and economic pro-
gress towards the liberation and
reconstruction of Germany.—
Reuter.

CHINA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

INTERESTING REPORT
BY SIR H. FOX.

FOREIGN LOAN OBLIGATIONS
ANOMALY.

HONGKONG'S TRADE.

Some very interesting points
are touched upon in the report
on economic conditions in China
in 1929, compiled by Sir Harry
Fox (Commercial Counsellor to
the Legation at Peking) assisted
by Mr. H. J. Brett, and published
in London by the Department of
Overseas Trade.

He refers among other things,
to the increased customs revenue,
and expresses the hope that the
pressing question of debt consoli-
dation will receive more serious at-
tention from the Chinese Govern-
ment. Domestic loans are run-
ning smoothly on the security of
the Customs, regardless of the
prior claims of the older foreign
loans.

The development is one which
calls for serious examination by
foreign bondholders.

Expanding Trade.

In his report, Sir Harry Fox
says, "as Mr. Micawber remarked
to Mrs. Micawber, China is a very
remarkable country." In spite of
all the disturbances of civil war,
in spite of industrial unrest, lack
of transport and excess of taxation,
China's trade was greater in the
year under review than before.
The figures of the import trade
were undoubtedly swelled by the
heavy purchases made by mer-
chants anxious to get goods in be-
fore the new duties came into
force on February 1; but Mr. Fox
understands that even without
this artificial increase the import
figures would have been larger
than for the year before, and at
any rate the export figures were
unaffected by it.

Since his report was written
there has been a widespread threat
of civil war. These disturbances
to public confidence, coupled with
the sudden slump in silver, invalu-
able to a great extent the greater
hopefulness that Sir Harry Fox
finds cause to express in his
report as compared with his reports
in previous years.

Foreign Loans.

One foundation for his hopefulness
seems to be a slight improve-
ment in the National Government's
attitude to financial obligations—
the Minister of Finance took over
Salt Gabelle, and its revenue was
used to pay quotas due for ser-
vices of the Anglo-French, the
Crisp, and the Hukuang Loans—
but it is noted that domestic
loans run far more smoothly than
the liquidation of foreign obliga-
tions, and that new internal loans
were from time to time issued on
the security of the increased
Customs revenue, regardless of the
priority of the older foreign loans.

Railways Improve.

Greater cause for hopefulness is
to be found in the administration
of railways and roads. Mr. Sun
Fo, Minister of Railways, has
laboured to rescue the railways
from the clutches of the Tsuchuns,
and most of the main lines were
by September running with some
approach to regularity.

Railway stations are gradually los-
ing the appearance of armed camps,
generals and their subordinates find
it more difficult to commandeer loco-
motives and rolling-stock at will or dis-
locate traffic whenever it suits their
convenience, and though, as is only
natural after the persistent misman-
agement, which locomotive and rolling-
stock have been subjected to for some
years past, trains are slow, break-
downs of frequent occurrence, and
cars by no means comfortable to
travel in, one can at least start on a
railway journey in China to-day with
some reasonable hope of arriving at
one's destination—which one certain-
ly could not do a year ago.

Roads and Motor-Cars.

The improvement in roads is
even more marked. The Chinese
people, though apathetic as ever in
the matter of river conservancy,
suddenly were taken with an
enthusiasm for roads and motor-
cars.

Reports from all parts of China
tell of the construction of new roads
under official and municipal auspices,
roads which are levelling the waste
and entirely changing the face of old
Chinese cities, roads running along
the banks of rivers, winding in and
out of villages, even climbing over
mountain passes. Some of these
roads are well constructed, being pro-
perly metalled and drained; more are
bad or at least indifferent, mere mud
tracks which become impassable in
rainy weather. But they will im-
prove as time goes on, and even now
they form a network of communica-
tions in, around, and between Chinese
towns and villages which enable the
Chinese merchant and farmer to make
journeys unheard of a few years
ago, and so go some way towards com-
pensating for the present inadequacy
of railway transport. Omnibuses,

THE CONFERENCE EASIER.

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to reduce the means of naval de-
fence below what she considers to
be the necessary level.

(2) No agreement between
Japan and the United States is yet
in sight.

(3) Italy confines herself to a
demand for parity with France.

(4) The United States and
Japan equally oppose a Tripartite
Agreement.

Afraid of Technique.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has not
succeeded in persuading Signor
Grandi to produce figures indicat-
ing Italy's needs, and Grandi's re-
fusal is attributed to the fact that
Italy obtained theoretical parity
with France for light vessels and
submarines at the Washington Con-
ference (without having actually at-
tained parity) and the Italian dele-
gation is afraid to weaken its posi-
tion by continuing the discussion on
a technical basis.

The correspondent says that Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald finally told
Signor Grandi yesterday, after con-
sulting the Admiralty experts, that
the British would not support the
Italian demand for parity.—*Reuter.*

locally constructed on chassis import-
ed from abroad, are making their ap-
pearance all over the country, more
especially in North China. Where
a year or two ago private motor-cars
were imported in twos and threes
and trucks and chassis possibly in
dozens, motor vehicles are now being
imported into China literally in
hundreds.

Hongkong's Trade Share.

Promising as this may be, the
next few pages of the report make
gloomy reading for British indus-
try. As in almost every report
issued by the Department of Over-
seas Trade, a lamentable parallel
is drawn between the energy and
prosperity of American motor-car
manufacturers and the lethargy and
decline of British interests. Much
of the report is given over to
advice to British traders with
China, and in this connexion Sir
Harry Fox repeats another all too
familiar exhortation—that British
merchants must pay more atten-
tion to the work of agents in the
country with which they are
dealing, must have better
agents and must pay them better.
British trade with China is still
a good third to American trade, a
long way behind Japanese.

In millions of tons the propor-
tion of foreign trade in 1928 was:

Great Britain, 17%;

The British Empire (minus
Hongkong), 29%

Hongkong—which throughout
the report is treated separately—
40%;

Japan, 54%;

U. S. A., 33%;

Russia, 11%.

British Interests.

Considering the future of
British trade with China, the re-
port says that the Chinese people
are at the moment apt to be dis-
trusting and even hostile to all
foreigners, but, at any rate among
merchants and officials, the con-
viction is growing that Great Brit-
ain is doing her best to give
China a square deal. British mer-
chants are beginning to realize
that hereafter they will have to
rely not so much on treaties and
conventions and the influence of
the home Government as on getting
the good will of the Chinese peo-
ple, although he goes on to say
that he does not think manufac-
turers at home pay enough atten-
tion to the Chinese market, par-
ticularly in the matter of advertis-
ing (to which the Chinese have
taken remarkably in the last year).

One small point of Sir Harry
Fox's advice is worth repeating
here. English is still, he says, the
second language and the first busi-
ness language of the Chinese; but
with the growth of a national spirit
and the increasing direct participa-
tion of Chinese firms in foreign
trade the Chinese language is
becoming more important to the
foreign merchant.

Tariff Autonomy.

Now that the Powers have re-
cognized China's right to complete
national tariff autonomy, it is to
be expected that alterations will
continue to be made in the tariff
schedule. So far as he has been
able to judge, the increased import
duties of last February do not seem
to Sir Harry to have prejudicially
affected the volume of imports.
Although taxation and tariffs are
inseparable in China, he does not
consider that Chinese authorities
discriminate in their irregular
taxes against foreign goods.
Chinese produce coming down from
the interior is often taxed more
heavily than imports, for the bene-
fit of military chieftains. Eggs
suffer particularly. A new-laid egg
on its way from farm to port pays,
apparently, in addition to likin,
Customs duty, a produce and exami-
nation tax, a charitable tax, and an
educational tax.

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